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Alma Mater

Dear Old N. C. C.

The sloping hills, the verdant green,
The lovely blossoms beauteous sheen,
Surround our college proud and gay,
Where wave our colors Maroon and Gray.
What matters it how far we roam,
Our thought oft return to home,
And heart will e'er be true to thee,
Our Alma Mater N. C. C.

Then Rah! Rah! Rah! for our colors so gay,
Dear old N.C.C.'s Maroon and Gray.
Thy sons and daughters will honor thee,
Dear old N. C. C.

We've gathered here to fit our lives,
As from the darkness light revives,
So let us hail, both night and day,
Our glorious colors Maroon and Gray.
We'll ever love and honor thee,
For thou has taught us loyalty.
Then let our watchword "Service" be
To our Alma Mater N. C. C.

You send us forth with hearts of love,
So like a blessing from above,
And from the path we'll never stray,
Our dear Alma Mater Maroon and Gray.
We'll work and fight; we'll win our way.
When duty calls, we shall obey,
And may e'er return to thee,
Our Alma Mater, N. C. C.



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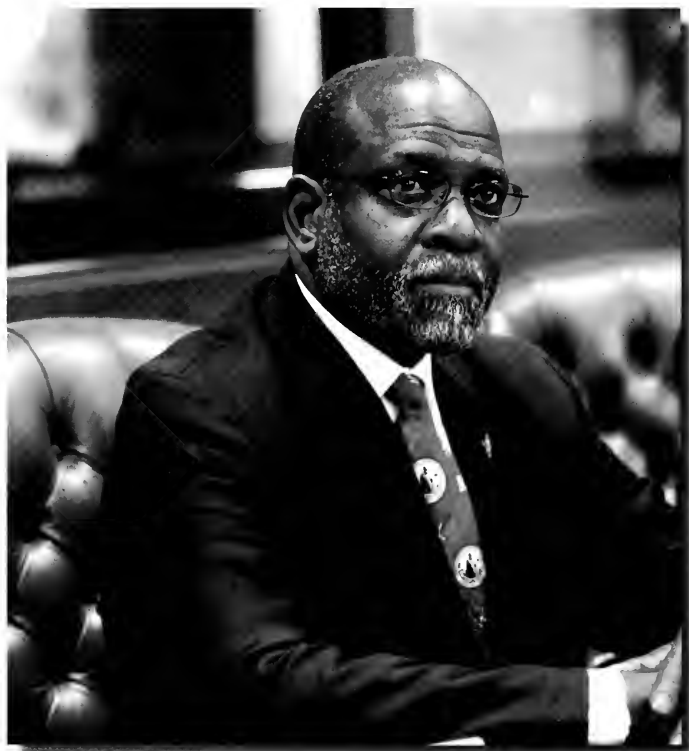
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Chancellor

Dr. Charlie Nelms

Tenth Chancellor of North Carolina Central
University



Installation Ceremony

February 22, 2008

Dr. Charlie Nelms was installed as the tenth chancellor of North Carolina Central University, February 22, 2008. Prior to this appointment, he served as vice president for Institutional Development and Student Affairs for the Indiana University system. His duties included university planning, institutional research and effectiveness, enrollment management, student affairs, student retention, and diversity and equity at the Bloomington campus and system-wide. *TIME* magazine named the Indiana University's Bloomington campus the number one student-centered research university in the nation in September 2001. Many of the programs cited by *TIME* were under Dr. Nelms' oversight and direction.

From 1987 until 1994, Dr. Nelms was chancellor of Indiana University East, a commuter campus serving east central Indiana. While Dr. Nelms was there, the campus was the fastest growing college in the state of Indiana. In 1994, he was named chancellor of the University of Michigan at Flint (UMF), an urban campus with an enrollment of over 6,500, offering a full spectrum of undergraduate and master's degree programs. While there, he resolved a significant campus budget deficit, reversed a four year enrollment decline, and secured more than \$75 million in private gifts to UMF.

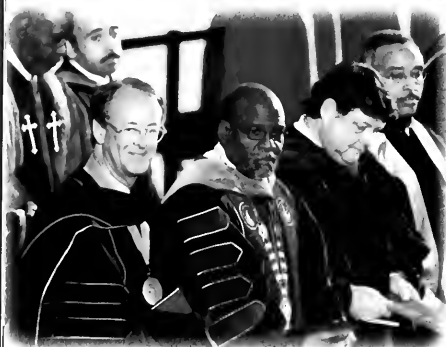
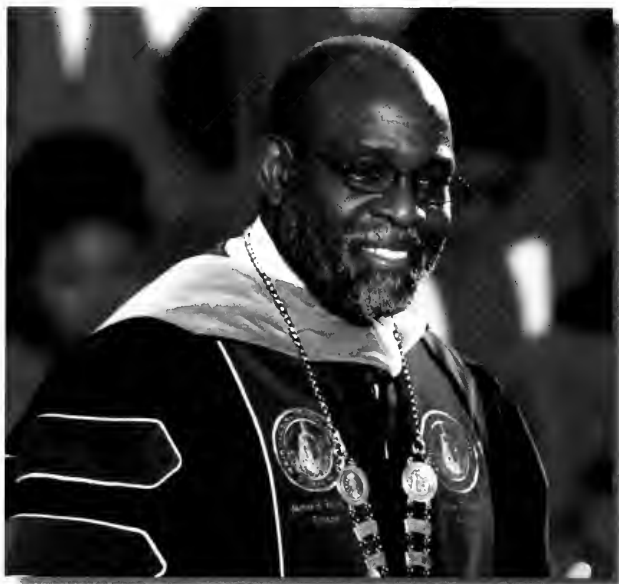
Dr. Nelms serves on the board of directors of the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation; the National Advisory board of the National Survey for Student Engagement; Board of Governors for the Center on Philanthropy; and is a founder and board member of the Millennium Leadership Institute and the Kinsey Institute Board of Trustees.

Dr. Nelms is a native of Crawfordsville, Arkansas. He majored in agronomy and chemistry at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, graduating in 1968. He later earned a master's degree in higher education and student affairs and a doctorate in higher education administration from Indiana University.

Dr. Nelms is married to the former Jeanetta Sherrod, a former mathematics teacher and Indiana University administrator. They have one child, Rashad, a University of Michigan Law School graduate who works for the United Nations World Food Programme.

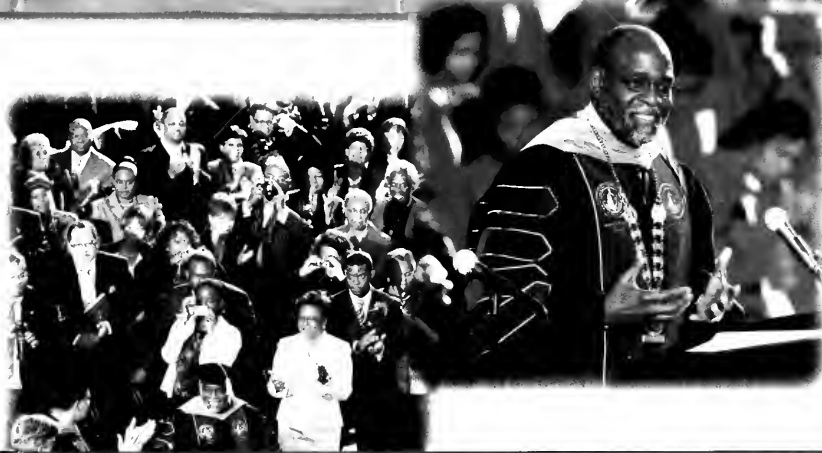


Installation Ceremony



*Friday,
February 22, 2008*





Provost

Dr. Beverly W. Jones, Chief Academic Officer of the university, overseeing the University's academic programs, research, personnel, resources and support services . . . ensuring the quality of student learning by enhancing teaching and learning, coordinating initiatives in undergrad education fostering a diverse climate at North Carolina Central University.



Dr. Beverly Washington Jones

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Obama Came To Campus

*Democratic Hopeful for President
of the United States*

"We have more work to do"

No ordinary election
History in the making

"We have more work to do"

No ordinary election
History in the mak-

"We have more work to do"

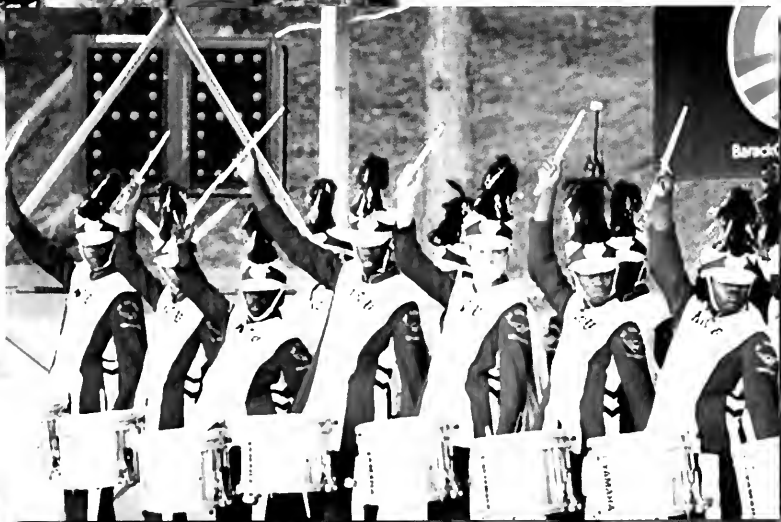


"Education has been the vehicle for social and economic mobility."





... This is the moment ...
This is our time



GET OUT AND VOTE!



Memorial

When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure . . .

A tribute to our fallen Eagles who have gone on but are not forgotten

Faculty and Staff

Renora Alston
Florence Anthony
Ozzie Brown
Lucious "June" Carrington
Robert Dawson, Sr.
Pauline Delaney
James Hubbard
Michael McKinney
Kevin MerChant
John Mickle
Lisa Breathett Mitchell
James Payton
Winnie Robinson
Thelma Smith
Deborah Suggs
Louis Tedder
John Turner
Rebecca Weatherford
Joseph Wray

Students

Latrese Curtis
Suzanne Dirr
Shanea Elliott
Cassandra Freeman
Canon Tyrell Fuller
Thomas Harris
La'Reshia Hart
Larry Leathers
Sean Roach
Ebony Robinson







A touch of class... A touch

Allen, Kevin

Biology

Anderson Kenya

Nursing

Andrews Karynda

Management

Arrington, Wynter

Sociology



Bagley, Jacob

Business Administration

Baine, Andrea

Middle Grades Education

Banks, Amber

Business Administration

Banks, Lakeshia

Psychology



Barkley, Dorothy

Family & Consumer Sciences

Barnwell Leigh

Biology

Battle, Lisa

Psychology

Baxter, Crystal

Nursing



Baze, Bernard

History

Bazemore, Stacie

Family & Consumer Sciences

Bennett, Tracey

Nursing

Berry, Ebony

Sociology



Birden, Constance

Environmental Science

Black, Anthonio

Business Administration

Black, Jewel

Criminal Justice

Bloomfield, Joslyn

English



A touch of class...



Breese, Deborah
Public Administration



Brown, Aisha
English



Brown, Tamara

Criminal Justice



Brown, Titirah

Criminal Justice



Brownlee, Terrell

Hospitality & Tourism



Brundage, Joy

Mathematics



Bryant, Jessica

Psychology



Buntyn, Jebria

Family & Consumer Sciences



Camp, Sharina



Campbell, Kendrick



Carlisle, Lauren

Art



Carlton, Reba

Computer Information Systems



Carmon, Mitchell

Business Administration



Carter, Christie

Nursing



Carter, Samantha



Clapps, George

Business Administration



Clark, Mekka

Theatre



Clark, Shawanda

Nursing



Collier, Lewis

Business Administration



Comer, Deborah

Business Administration

A touch of class

Cox, Clarissa

Hospitality Tourism

Currington, Robert

Political Science

Dancy, Kierra

Sociology

Davis, Karsheena

Criminal Justice

Davis, Kurtis

Business Administration

Dinkins, Corey

Parks & Recreation Management

Dixon, Richard

Psychology

Douglas, Crystal

Health Education

Dozier, Revea

Criminal Justice

Eatmon, Tenesia

History

Elleby, Amanda

Health Education

Elvy, Malcolm

Business Administration

Etienne Morine

Mass Communications

Ezikpe, Felicia

Biology

Featherson, Ashley

Family & Consumer Sciences

Ferehee, Carmen

Hospitality Tourism

Floyd, Adrienne

Business Administration

Fowles, David Solomon

Mass Communications

Freeman, Cassandra

Elementary Education

Freeman, Janae



A touch of class...



Moments of Pride....

A touch of class... A touch

French, Crystal

English

Fuell, Kiera

Criminal Justice

Fuller, Chiara

History

Funderburk, Quandra

History



Gaither, Shakeba

Nursing

Gamble, Romeo

Criminal Justice

Garvin, Arlana

Social Work

Gibson, Shahanna

Criminal Justice



Glover, Shanda

Elementary Education

Goldston-Rickard Travis

Gray, Dwayne

Political Science

Greene, Darcy

Political Science



Gregory Tisha

Health Education

Grimes Darrell

Elementary Education

Hairston, Michael

Art

Hall, Andrea

Political Science



Hall, Nichole

Family & Consumer Sciences

Haley, Vashun

Computer Information Systems

Hardy, Kaleshia

English

Harris, Alexcia

Criminal Justice



A touch of class...



Harris, Robert
Computer Information Systems
Harrison, Joshua
Business Administration
Harvey, Kia
English
Harvey, Shannon
Business Administration



Haymon, Henry
Hayward, Jac-Lyn
English
Hedgpeth Tawanda
History
Hodge, Terra
Theatre



Hood, Shaniqua
Howell, Anntonia
Business Administration
Hutchins, Quianna
Business Administration
Hyman, Shantashia
Business Administration



Ibailey, David
Jackson, Jazmon
Health Education
Jackson, Tiara
Theatre
James, Latoya
Social Work



Jennings, Paula
Psychology
Johnson, Nikita
Political Science
Johnson, Aja
Business Administration
Johnson, Jr. Paul
Business Administration

A touch of class... A touch of



Moments of Reflection...

touch of class...



Johnson, Shannon

History



Jones, Ashley

Nursing



Jones, Jasmin

English



Jones, Precious

Elementary Education



Jones, Tonika

Public Administration



Joyner, Vanessa

Elementary Education



Kaikai, Abulai

Social Work



Kelley, Shatavia

Psychology



King, Jonee

Hospitality/Tourism



King, Leslie

Criminal Justice



King, Natasha

Political Science



Kornegay, Jessica

Hospitality/Tourism



Law, Yolanda

Social Work



Laws, Grace



Lewis, David

Business Administration



Lewis, Valerie



Little, Yokista

Mass Communications



Liverman, Shiva

Nursing



Lochard, Reginald

Political Science



A touch of class... A touch

Logan, Shanequa

Criminal Justice

Louis, Kay

Social Work

Lovett, Latrice

Theatre

Mach, Linda

Nursing



Madison, Temesha

Psychology

Madkins, Tameka

Criminal Justice

Mathews, Charles

Nursing

Mattocks Jr. Gary

Parks & Recreation Management



Maxwell, Thomas

Computer Information Systems

Mayshack, Chris

Business Administration

McAllister, Jamaica

Business Administration

Mcarn, Vernica

History



McCormick Fondtrice

History

McCray, Ebony

Business Administration

McGhee, Brittany

Physical Education

McGowan, Danielle

History



McKinney, Michael

Political Science

McLeod, Karen

Health Education

Mercer, Ashley

Health Education

Miller, Makeda

History



Touch of class...



Mitchell, Candice
Mass Communications
Moss, Tashawn
Public Administration
Muamba, Jeannette
Nursing
Mufalo, Claire
Business Administration



Myles, Frederick
Nursing
Nicholas, Melissa
Hospitality/Tourism
Nwabinwe, Peggy
Nursing
Nwakpuda, Emily
Chemistry



Oatis, Wayne
Mass Communications
Odibo, Collette
Nursing
Oliver, Lauren
Art
Oziogu, Reginald
Parks & Recreation Management



Page, Patricia
Nursing
Patrick, Davida
Sociology
Penn, Tyamma
Perkins, Chad
Criminal Justice



Pettiford, Tashana
Family & Consumer Sciences
Pittman, Tiffany
Psychology
Pitts, James
Business Administration
Pretty, Bobbie
Psychology

A touch of class... A touch of...

Reaves, Porcia

Mass Communications

Riley, Kamilah

Business Administration

Robinson, Christina

English

Robinson Phylicia



Rogers, Gwendolyn

Business Administration

Sadler, Latanya

Business Administration

Sander, Peaches

Business Administration

Savoy, Monica

Parks & Recreation Management



Sconiers, Martina

Health Education

Scott, Erica

Mass Communications

Searight, Maurice

Psychology

Shaw, Candice

Criminal Justice



Shaw, Danettia

Sociology

Sheppard, Shanita

Computer Information Sciences

Shipp, Chitara

Hospitality/Tourism

Shonekan Khafil-Deen

Accounting



Sidberry, Tomeka

Family & Consumer Sciences

Singleton, Tierra

Business Administration

Small, Rhonda

Consumer Sciences

Smith, Sherell



touch of class...



There were more than 130 graduates receiving the Juris Doctor degree
at May's 2008 Commencement Service

A touch of class... A touch of

Smith, Tiara
Family & Consumer Sciences

Smith, Vaneshia

Psychology

Stancel, Mctisa

Nursing

Steed, Tiffany

Social Work



Stephen, Nikita

Biology

Stewart, La'ren

Business Administration

Stewart, Monica

Nursing

Street, Jeffery

Parks & Recreation Management



Sturdivant, Kate

Political Science

Sutton, Sheena

Nursing

Tah, Prince

Sociology

Tate, Latoya

Physical Education



Taylor, Martina

Family & Consumer Sciences

Terry, Joyce

Business Administration

Thompson, Dominique K.

Psychology

Thorpe, Sharonda



Threatt, Louis

Physics

Twine, Latrell

Family & Consumer Sciences

Vinson, Sheronda

Family & Consumer Sciences

Wallace, Francena

Family & Consumer Sciences



A touch of class...



Wallace, Porscha
Political Science
Ward, Brittany
Mass Communications
Warren, Nikita
Psychology
Washington, Danyelle
Biology



Watford, Ronica
Elementary Education
White, Ayesha
Elementary Education
White, Rebecca
Social Work
Whitley, Theresa
Art, Visual Communications



Wilkerson, Cynthia
Business Administration
Williams, Jacquetta
English
Williams, Mecca
English
Wilson, Cheri
Business Administration



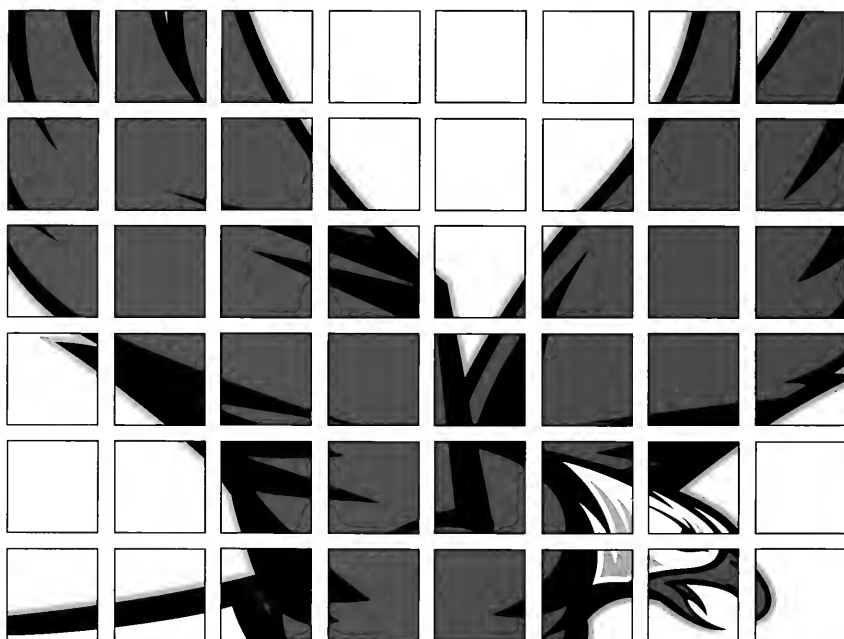
Wilson, Kenneth
Woods, Crystal
Political Science
Woods, Robert
Social Work
Woyessa, Rahel
Nursing



Doig, NeShawne
Computer Information System

A touch of class... A touch of life

Ten graduates completed their studies at New
Birth Missionary Baptist Church in
Lithonia, Georgia.



A touch of class...



Dawnia Baynes
Business Administration



Shontel Coletrane
Business Administration



Katrina Evans
Criminal Justice



Deborah Graves
Criminal Justice



Patricia Jones
Criminal Justice



Nicole D. Lisby
Business Administration



Elaine Mason
Business Administration



Constance Morris
Hospitality & Tourism



Gladys Smith
Hospitality & Tourism



Othello Vaughn
Criminal Justice

UNDERCLASSMEN

Howell, Roddick
Ingram, Radon
Johnson, Sean
Jones, Jany



Jones, Shatorie
Kinney, Robyn
Langston, Jennifer
Leach, Roderick



Lennon, Jasmine
Lopian, Maian
Magnum, Jameese
Massaquoi, Jabbeh



McClellan, Skyler
McKnight, Thomesha
Mohabir, Jessica
Norris, Ryan



Oliver, Nequay
Page, Tamyra
Pryor, Shania
Purvis, Nicole





Reid, Jerome
Rice-Bey, Bobby
Richardson, Shawneqwa
Rippy, Williams



Rodriquer-Neal Sandy
Rowe, Leonard
Sander, Arnica
Sanders, Joseph



Scarlet, Ramona
Shivers, Kayla
Simmons, Tyrone
Sinclair, Jasmine



Smith, Bryant
Stallings, Jessica
Stephenson, John
Terrell, Walter



Thomas, Rashad J.
Washington, Candace
Weaver, Akia
Webster, Josh

UNDERCLASSMEN

Whitten, Andreka
Williams, Kent Jr.
Williams, Stefon
Williams, Zachary



Willoughby, Charles
Wright, Kai



ACrash Course in Addiction

by Justin Leak

Thoughtless joy
Employed by amber buds
All appears connected

Giddy giggles give way
To sedentary gloom.
Words don't come easy.
Smiles soon subside and spark
Dark sense of future woe
Leave me
Hollow ghost.

At the World's Largest Book Show. . . in Washington, DC

Bakeh N. Wleh Nagbe, 2007 Graduate

Bakeh N. Wleh Nagbe is a 2007 NCCU graduate and the author of *Greedy Spider* (a children's book). He has lectured History students about the stock market and the Federal Reserve Bank and was Google's guest of honor at the World's Largest Book Expo in Washington, DC in 2006. He accomplished all of these feats while still attending NCCU and double majoring in History and Political Science.

Bakeh came to the United States in 1990 as a refugee from Liberia due to adverse conditions caused by a civil war. He adopted a philosophy that allowed him to overcome many obstacles. He states, "I came to the conclusion at an early age that I am responsible to define and refine myself. I set goals to prove myself wrong and to be free from self-doubt and the result is success. I consider myself a harbinger and an autodidact (fore-runner, self-taught person). Thank God for allowing me to think outside the box. I also learned very early that attitude is a choice - one opens doors and the other closes them."



NOTES

2008



NCCU's
Homecoming was a
BLAST!

Homecoming





*Coronation
Choir Ball
Fashion Show
The Game
Step Show
The Parade*



The Royal Prestige



Miss North Carolina Central University 2007-2008



Miss NCCU 2007-2008
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Latoya Kay-Ann Tate

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Latoya Kay-Ann Tate, Miss NCCU 2007-2008

Latoya Kay-Ann Tate, the daughter of Patrick F. and Naomi A. Tate was born in Jamaica and raised in Toronto, Canada. Latoya is the eldest sister to three younger brothers, Patrick, Tyler, and Lamar Tate. She enjoys traveling, tutoring and playing competitive sports. She is a senior, majoring in Exercise and Sports Science and minoring in Biology.

Since her matriculation at North Carolina Central University, Latoya has proven herself as an outstanding student athlete. She was the captain of the Lady Eagles, 3-time CIAA Women's Volleyball Championship team. She is the only athlete in school history to have captured three consecutive championship titles. In addition to her athletic accomplishments, Latoya has remained on the NCCU Honor Roll every semester since her enrollment in 2004. She boasts a 3.8 GPA, earning numerous academic awards. Last semester she received the prestigious Honor Award for acquiring the highest overall GPA in her major.

Miss Latoya Kay-Ann Tate ... Speaks

Dear Old NCCU, (to whom I owe so much)

Words alone cannot express my love, for you have helped make me the intellectual that I am today. It has been my utmost pleasure and an extreme honor to serve as your Miss North Carolina Central University for the 2007 - 2008 academic year.

I had doubts and uncertainties as I assumed the position of Queen. The previous queens did a marvelous job setting the stage. Realizing that some of our Eagles are plagued by complacency, I was motivated to use the platform, "Exceeding Expectations Together", an initiative to motivate and inspire NCCU students to excel and exceed in everything they do. We are the future and all students have access to the most important tool - Education. In order to accomplish anything, I was committed to demonstrate the attributes of a true Eagle by believing that we as individuals must be the change that we wish to see in the world.

I have received a tremendous amount of love and support from my Eagle family which has truly enabled me to soar to new heights. You have given me wings in order to fly, knowledge in order to succeed, and experience and courage to face all obstacles.

I would like to thank my biological family (my support system), my advisors, faculty, administrators and staff for their support and words of encouragement. To my entire Eagle family, without you my reign would have been meaningless. In closing, I quote Dr. Nelms - "Vision without focus is a mere illusion".

*Sincerely,
Latoya Kay-Ann Tate*



Little Miss and Mr. NCCU



Miss Riaunee Thompson

Miss Riaunee Thompson is six years old and attends Albemarle Road Elementary School in Charlotte, North Carolina. She is the daughter of Randall Thompson and Quacey and Latoya Reddish. Riaunee is an avid fan of the NCCU Sound Machine Marching Band where her father played percussion and her mother danced with Eagle Essence.



Master Jayden Smith

Master Jayden David Smith is six years old and is in the first grade at Lincoln Heights Magnet Elementary School in Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina. Jayden is the son of George "Bulldog" Smith, Assistant Athletic Director and Head Strength Coach at NCCU.



Master Jayden Smith and Miss Riaunee Thompson

A Night of Celebration





The
Royal
PRESTIGE

Mr. NCCU



Mr. Corey Quentin Dinkins

Corey Quentin Dinkins, a native of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, is the youngest child of Pastor Quentin and Gail Dinkins. At an early age, Corey was highly influenced by his grandparents, the late David and Vernetta Dinkins and Mrs. Mary Blango. Corey is a senior majoring in Recreational Sports Management with a minor in Business Administration. While attending NCCU, Corey has been active in a number of positions related to the Student Government Association. In his second year, Corey was elected Mr. Sophomore 2005 - 2006 and served as Junior Class President and Mr. Delta Sigma Theta in 2006 - 2007. He is currently an active member of the Gamma Beta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Upon graduation, Corey plans to stay in the Research Triangle area and pursue a graduate degree in Athletic Administration. In his leisure time, Corey enjoys being involved in various community service activities, spending time with friends and listening to smooth jazz. He lives by the motto "Stay Consistently Ready to Undertake New Knowledge" (CRUNK).



The Royal Court



Theme: The Royal Prestige



Mr. and Miss Freshman

Hope Leach
Matthew King

Mr. and Miss Sophomore

Ashley Baker
Travis Bullock

Mr. and Miss Junior

Chanel Raynor
John Stephenson

Mr. and Miss Senior

Sabrina Carter
Jacob Bagley



Organizational Queens & Escorts



100 Black Women
Kendra Bradshaw
Jason Rutherford



Alpha Chi
Danielle Goggans
Lyle Barnham



Alpha Kappa Delta
Caress Adams
Ortiz Graham



Alpha Lambda
Makeda Miller
Alexander Jackson



Ambassador of Human Sciences
Leticia Graham
Jazzmin Lewis



Annie Day Shepard
Jamilka Thompson
Derek Harvey



AudioNet
Julanda Kindell
Quan Wiggins



Black and Gold
Ashley Witherspoon
Kevin Allen



Bon Vivant
Janae Freeman
RaSheed Hester



Campus Crossing
Yolanda Law
Antoine Hargrove



Debutante
Buyz to Men
Markia Gray
Xaviera's Summers



Delta Sigma Theta
Vanessa Bell
BreytonSmith



Eagle CORE
DeLauren McCauley
Hewitt McLean



Eagleson Hall
Sarah Brown
Jerome Reid



Evaesco Models
Tabitha Brown
Carlos Whitaker



Fashion Inc
Kjnel Jackson
Marcus Fuller



High Maintenance
Naughty Boyz
Kendra Gainey
Dante Jones



Kappa Alpha Psi
Shannon Dodd
Ryan Norris



Los Salseros
Desinia Johnson
Joseph Miller



McLean Hall
Latrice Collins
Dennis Morrow



*Metro Club
Jessica Hill
Cornelius Holman*



*NABJC
Kenyatta Harrell
Sean Johnson*



*New Residence II
Shemil Ogilvie
Frank Bufford*



*NSMH
Margaret Jones
Raheem Oshodi*



PERMA
Cheryl Parker
Jabar Duncan



Phi Beta Lambda
Shannon Lewis
Shawn Fournillier



Political Science
Crystal French
Jonathan Anderson



Rush Hall
Marketta Evans
Tremain Holloway



School of Business
Vontaria Ward
Shaun Simmons



Sociology Club
Denettia Shaw
Dylan Shaw



SOFHE
Ashley Mercer
Kendrick Camphell



Student Activities Board
Phaedra Reid
Torren Gatson



Team Paradyce
Gabrielle DeGraff
Marcus Cofield



Tri-State Connection
Porscha-Dior Williams
Jory Ricks



Zeta Phi Beta
Natifa Baker
Jason Rutherford

Class Presidents



Freshman President - Sarah Debnam
Sophomore President - Jasmine Bell
Junior President - Eric Jefferson
Senior President - Andrea Hall

Choir Ball





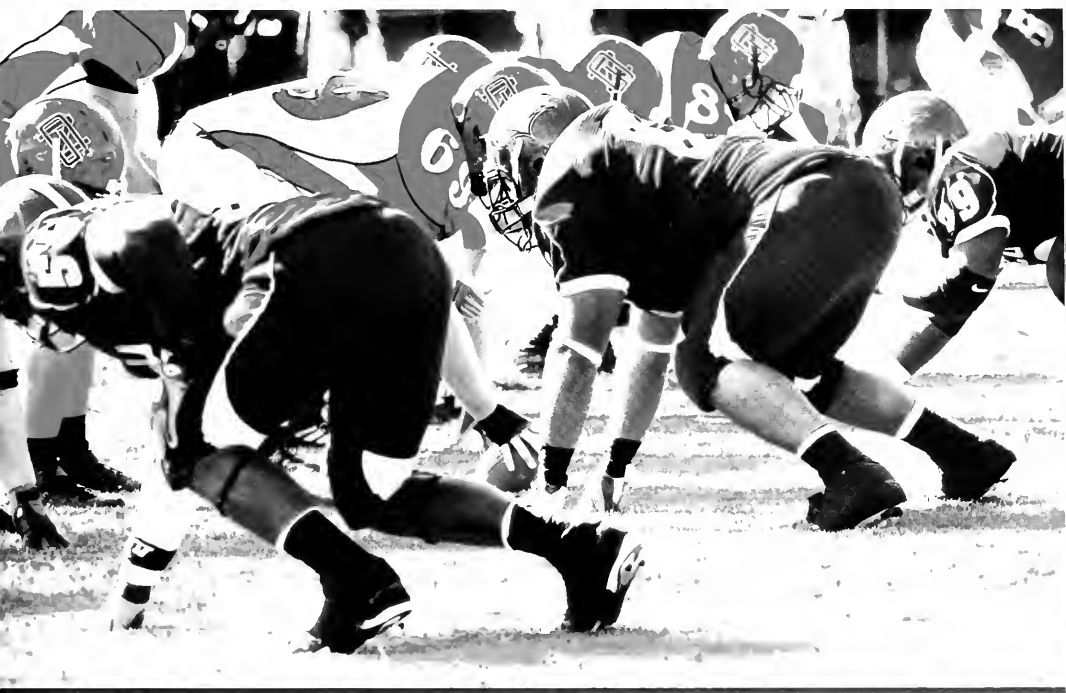


Fashion Show



The Game







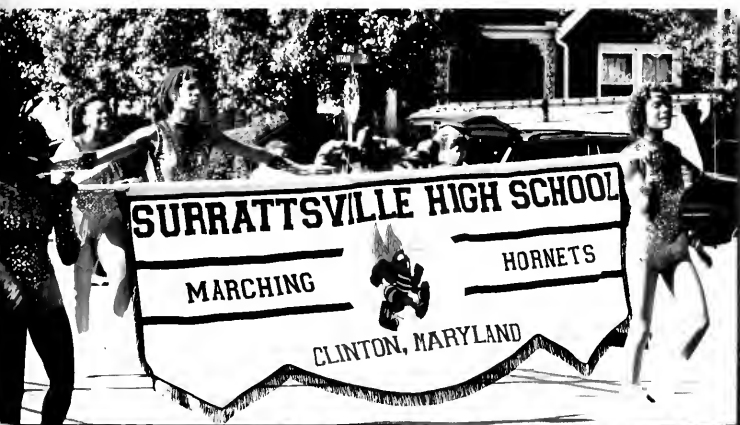
Step Show







The Parade





4

Football
Men Basketball
Women Basketball
Baseball
Softball
Volleyball
Tennis
Golf

SPORTS

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7

NCCU

Football

To

The Eagles closed out the 2007 season, the first of the NCAA Division I-FCS play with a 6-4 record. The team was 1-1 in two of their biggest competition. For the third straight time in the historic gridiron rivalry between North Carolina Central University and North Carolina A&T State University, the outcome was decided in the closing seconds of the game. The team ended the season with a loss of 35-10 to Winston Salem State University.

In December of 2007 the football team earned the title "King of Wrap." Although the gridiron season was over, that did not stop members of the Eagles football team from huddling up on November 28th to help out local youth during the holiday season.

More than 20 student-athletes from the NCCU football team gathered inside the LeRoy T. Walker Complex conference room to be part in the Durham Parks and Recreation Third Annual Holiday Shoebox Campaign. The student-athletes stuffed Nike shoeboxes with toys and basic necessities, such as socks, gloves, hats, toothpaste, toothbrushes and soap, and then wrapped the boxes for delivery to children in the Durham Parks and Recreation's After School programs on Dec. 20. The items stuffed into the shoeboxes were donated by NCCU head football coach Mose Rison.

The Shoebox Campaign began as an effort to provide a few of the basic necessities for the children in the DPR After School programs during the holiday season. DPR serves 339 children ages 5-12 and 60 teens in the After School programs. Forty percent of these children qualify for reduced fees through the Sliding Fee Scale program. Many of the children's families struggle all year with providing basic necessities, especially during the holidays.



Put Own!





SPALDING

NCCU ENDS SEASON WITH WIN OVER RIVAL WINSTON-SALEM STATE

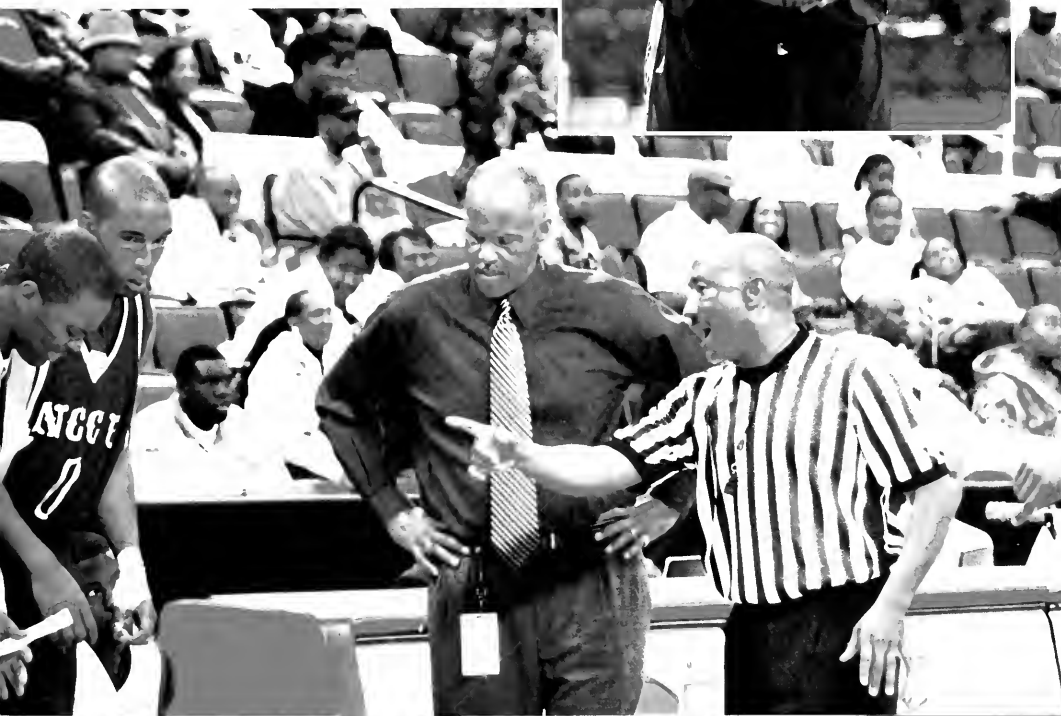
Charles Futrell scored game-high 28 points in his final college game to lead the Eagles to victory. NCCU refused to lose against long-time rival Winston-Salem State University in the "Bonus Game" of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Basketball Tournament in Raleigh, N.C.

The Eagles' determination resulted in a 60-56 victory over the Rams, as Futrell poured in a game-high 28 points in his final college contest. The Fayetteville, N.C. native shot 11-for-19 from the floor.

Both teams were transitioning as Division I members. NCCU held the largest second-half margin, when the Eagles went up 51-46 on a three-pointer by Bryan Ayala at 10:46.

Ayala finished with eight points, a team-high eight rebounds, four assists and three steals in 40 minutes of work for NCCU (4-26). Eagles junior shooting guard Philip Branch scored 11 points, while freshman center Marius Vaskys contributed six points and junior point guard J'Mell Walters distributed a team-best five assists.

The Eagle Team and NCCU head coach Henry Dickerson were very proud of this victory.





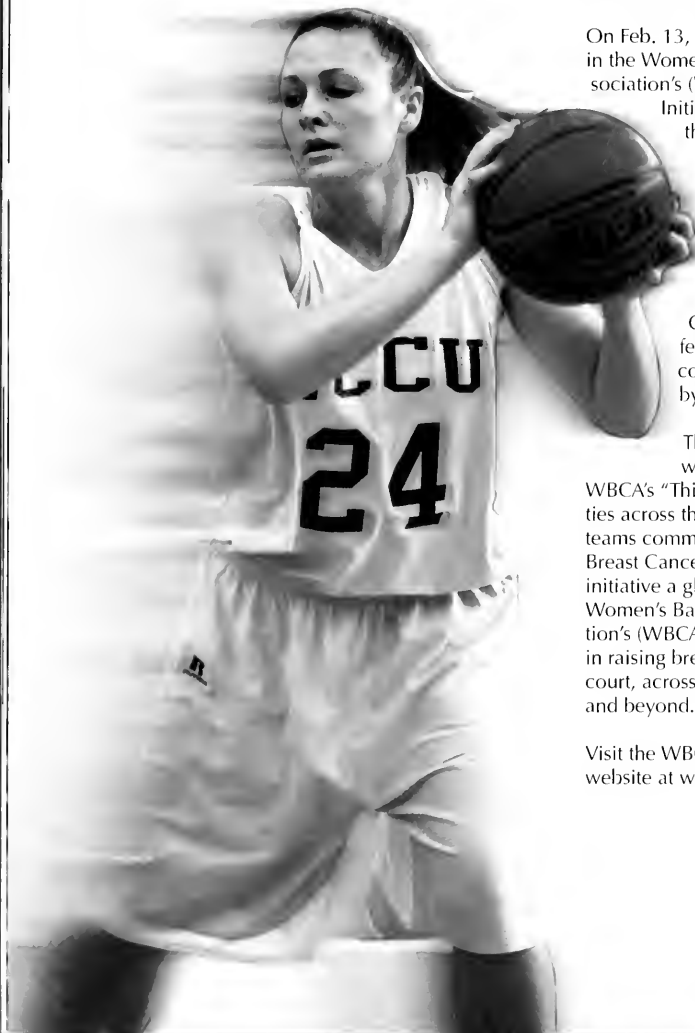
NCCU Women Think Pink

On Feb. 13, 2008 NCCU participated in the Women's Basketball Coaches Association's (WBCA) 2008 "Think Pink" Initiative, a nation-wide effort by the WBCA to increase breast cancer awareness.

The Lady Eagles rallied against the Lady Bears of Livingstone College three days later, February 16 at the McLendon-McDougald Gymnasium. This game also featured the Lady Eagles on the court in pink uniforms provided by Russell Athletics.

The week of February 8-17 was designated week for the WBCA's "Think Pink" initiative with activities across the country with more than 600 teams committed to join the fight against Breast Cancer. The WBCA's "Think Pink" initiative a global, unified effort for the Women's Basketball Coaches Association's (WBCA) nation of coaches assisted in raising breast cancer awareness on the court, across campuses, in communities and beyond.

Visit the WBCA's "Think Pink" initiative, website at www.WBCA.org/thinkpink.asp.





The North Carolina Central University Lady Eagles finished out their season at home by defeating the Lady Blue Bears of Livingstone College 59-45 Saturday night. This game ended Casey Daniel and Jennifer Hukill career at NCCU



The Lady Eagles used a strong inside presence and good defense to keep Livingstone College in check. The Lady Eagles struggled offensively hitting just 36 percent of their shots in the first half, but shot a blazing 48 percent in the second half.



Some Highlights of the First Division I Baseball Schedule

Eagles, Blue Devils Home-and-Home Series highlighted 2008 season slate. The NCCU Eagles committed five errors resulting in seven unearned runs as Duke University defeated the Eagles 10-2 in the inaugural meeting between the two schools. A record crowd of 1,017 witnessed the historic contest inside the Durham Bulls Athletic Park.

The Eagles came off of their first season of baseball since 1975. NCCU head baseball coach Henry White, the 2007 CIAA Baseball Coach of the Year, guided a squad consisting of 11 freshmen, four sophomores, three juniors and one senior to a conference record of 15-5, an overall record of 21-24 and the conference regular-season title

Two North Carolina Central University baseball student-athletes, outfielder Tim McAllister and second baseman Kurt Wilson, have been named to the 2008 NCAA Division I Independent Baseball All-Academic Team.

The two Eagles were selected to represent NCCU along with 30 other student-athletes from the Division I Independents.

In November, the old Durham Bull Athletic Park if on schedule became the home to the baseball teams at N.C. Central and Durham School of the Arts.

(by Nicole Mitchell - Sports Information Graduate Assistant)





NCCU SPLITS SOFTBALL DOUBLEHEADER WITH UMES

Lady Eagles won game one 10-6 for First Division I victory over University Maryland Eastern Shores. Sophia Blue amassed five hits during the UMES doubleheader split.

NCCU scored seven runs in the first two innings of game one to earn a 10-6 victory during a doubleheader split (10-6, 3-8) with the University of Maryland Eastern Shore on Wednesday (March 19) at Thomas Brooks Park in Cary, N.C.

The game win was the first for NCCU as a Division I softball program.

In the opener, NCCU pitcher Stacey Greene allowed three first inning runs on one hit, three walks, a hit batter and a wild pitch. The Lady Eagles responded by scoring three runs of their own in the bottom of the first to even the score. Greene scattered seven hits and struck out five Hawks in the game victory.

NCCU was topped by rookie shortstop Ashanti Stroud with two hits and three runs batted in. Michelle Ishida, Francheska Pittman and Ashley Henderson all contributed two hits and two RBI for the victors.

UMES junior Kendra Saunders and freshman Ashley Stewart were outstanding for Hawks.

In game two, UMES broke open a 1-1 tie by scoring three runs in the third inning and four more in the fourth to 8-3 win. Sophomore pitcher Mishayla Truttman amassed eight strikeouts in the complete game victory for UMES (4-10).

The Hawks were sparked offensively by Chelsea Logan with three hits. Junior infielder Sophia Blue scored all three runs for NCCU (1-24) after reaching on two singles and a triple. Jennifer Langston and Henderson each collected two hits.







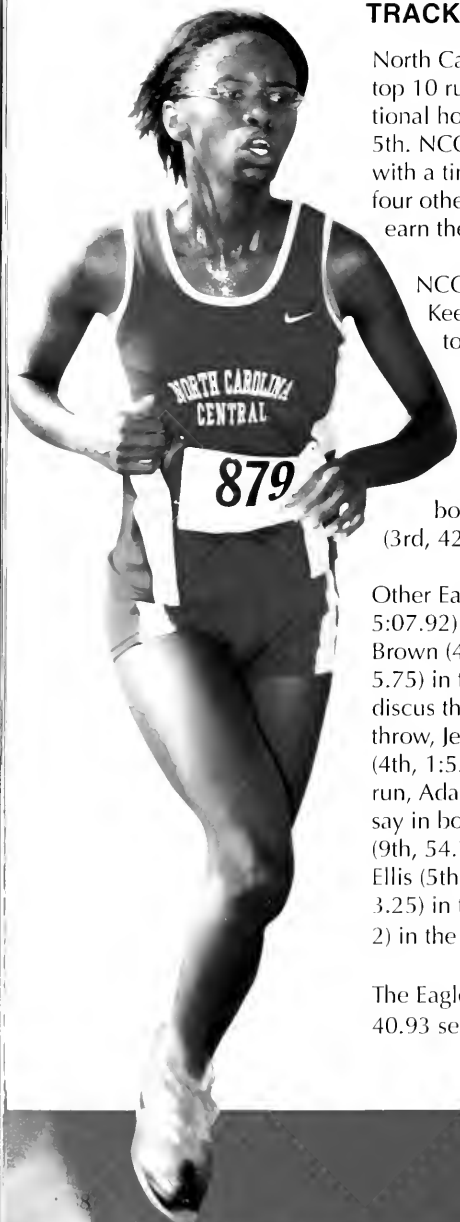
TRACK TEAM PLACED IN THE TOP TEN

North Carolina Central University had 25 student-athletes in the top 10 running of the 2008 Murray Neely Track and Field Invitational hosted by North Carolina A&T in Greensboro, N.C., April 5th. NCCU senior Maurice Gailey won the 200-meter dash race with a time of 21.34 seconds. The Pensacola, Fla. native edged four other contenders by five one-hundredths of a second or less to earn the victory.

NCCU junior Brandon Jones (1:52.45) beat out Norfolk State's Keenan Harris (1:52.83) by less than a half-of-a-second to win the 800m run. Finishing among the top three for NCCU were sophomore Desinia Johnson in the 1500m run (2nd, 4:53.38), junior Latasha Jones in the shot put (2nd, 12.53m/41-1.5), sophomore Christina Smith in the javelin throw (3rd, 32.12m/105-4), junior Gerald Jones in the 1500m run (3rd, 4:14.35), and junior Eric Smalls in both the shot put (3rd, 15.19m/41-10) and the discus throw (3rd, 42.01m/137-10).

Other Eagles performing in the top 10 were Ashley Cooke (5th, 5:07.92) and Aisha Brown (8th, 5:10.83) in the 1500m run, Jamie Brown (4th, 12.00m/39-4.5) and Brandy Cox (7th, 10.81m/35-5.75) in the shot put, Latasha Jones (6th, 34.56m/113-5) in the discus throw, Kim Derrickson (9th, 27.70m/90-10) in the javelin throw, Jeff Rankins (6th, 10.68) in the 100m dash, Rashaad Lee (4th, 1:55.37) and Michael Edwards (6th, 1:57.11) in the 800m run, Adam Cofield (8th, 4:31.37) in the 1500m run, Charles Lindsay in both the 100m hurdles (9th, 15.00) and the 400m hurdles (9th, 54.72), Mark Davis (9th, 6.88m/22-7) in the long jump, Mack Ellis (5th, 13.47m/44-2.5) and Andrae Turner (7th, 12.88m/42-3.25) in the shot put, and Kendrick Richardson (5th, 41.20m/135-2) in the javelin throw.

The Eagles won the men's 4x100m relay with a victorious time of 40.93 seconds, beating Hampton (41.33) and N.C. State (41.94).



Both of NCCU's men's 4x400m toursomes finished in the top three, with the 'A' team placing second (3:20.94) and the 'B' team third (3:23.22).





VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

No.	Name	Ht.	Pos.
13	Behncke-Biney, Belinda	5-10	Outside Hitter
7	Brown, Kiara	5-8	Setter/Right Side
11	Campbell, Avaniki	5-10	Middle Hitter
4	Fields, Kristan	5-4	Setter
14	Gomez, Aqiyla	6-1	Middle Hitter
5	Griffin, Ashley	6-0	Middle Hitter
6	Hayes, Nadia	6-1	Middle Hitter
1	Hill, Cara	5-8	Setter
18	John, Alexis	5-8	Outside Hitter
17	Johnson, Nena	5-10	Outside Hitter
8	King, Raven	5-2	Libero
3	Lloyd, Rachel	5-1	Defensive Specialist
10	Moore, Shantel	5-11	Outside Hitter
9	Pryor, Shaina	6-0	Middle Hitter
2	Richards, Tasha-Gaye	5-8	Outside Hitter
15	Shade, Ashley	5-7	Setter
16	Sinclair, Martis-Ann	5-10	Outside Hitter
12	Wallen, Sashalee	5-11	Middle Hitter

Coaches

Georgette Crawford-Crooks - Head Coach

Anielle DaSilva - Assistant Coach



EAGLES CLOSE OUT SEASON WITH A BIG WIN

Senior players enjoyed the sweet taste of victory for their last game. NCCU Eagles ended the regular season with a bang. NCCU breezed to a big win over the Bethune-Cookman Wildcats 3-0 (30-28, 30-20, and 30-17).

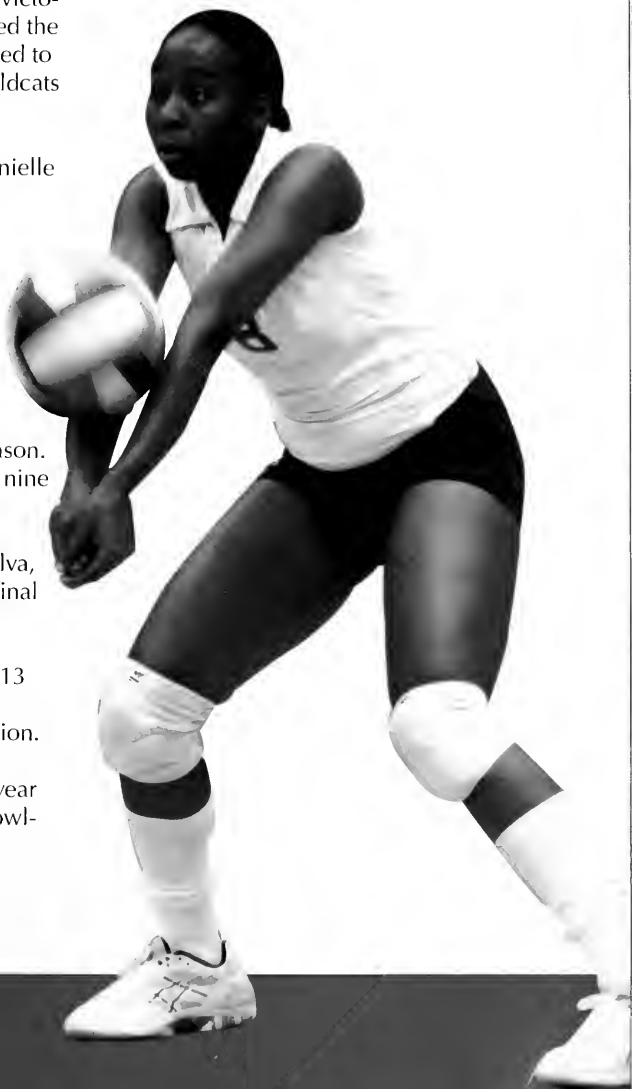
The Eagles (21-13) were lead by senior Anielle DaSilva who collected 19 kills, hit a .429 against the Wildcats and had 10 digs against the Wildcats. Fellow senior Kai Wright added 11 kills and 10 digs. Finally, Shari Matthews had a productive evening as she pounded out 11 kills and led the team with 18 digs.

Bethune-Cookman fell to 8-14 for the season. Danielle Goodrum led the Wildcats with nine kills and a team-high of 15 digs.

It was senior night for the Eagles, as DaSilva, Wright and Matthews all played in their final regular-season game in an Eagle uniform.

The Eagles finished the season with a 21-13 record in their first season of Division I competition.

"Our goal is to match our record from a year ago and aim even higher in 2008," acknowledged Coach Crawford-Crooks.





NCCU SNAP NINE-MATCH LOSING SKID

The Eagles snapped a nine-match losing streak with a 7-2 women's tennis victory over Shaw University in Raleigh, N.C. The team (2-14) received singles victories from freshman Ashley Rogers (Cary, N.C.), freshman Tatiana Velasquez (Cali, Columbia, South America), freshman Stephanie Lee (Niagara Falls, N.Y.), junior Antionette Spain (Winston-Salem, N.C.) and senior Ambra Mason (Grand Rapids, Mich.).

Rogers and Velasquez paired up for a doubles victory at the No. 1 position, while Mason and Spain won at No. 3 doubles.

In singles action, NCCU's Rogers cruised to a 6-1 victory in game one at No. 1 singles versus Shaw's Livia Oliveira, but the pair battled deep into a second-set tiebreaker before Rogers pulled out the win, 7-6 (11-9).

The Lady Eagles had another tight match at No. 3 singles, but Lee earned the three-set victory over Xania Steele, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3.

At No. 2 singles, NCCU's Velasquez blanked her opponent, 6-0, 6-0, while Spain and Mason also soared to victory.

NCCU women cruise to 8-1 tennis win at Peace College in their final match for the season. Velasquez blanks her opponent as Lady Eagles wins all six singles matches

Stephanie Lee on right keeps her eye on the ball.

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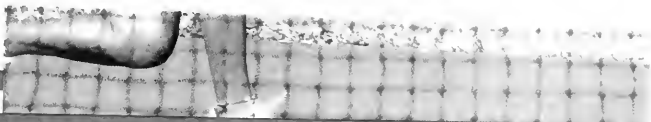




Stephanie Lee gives her teammate a high five.

LADY EAGLES EDGE WSSU FOR FIRST DIVISION I WIN

Dropping 2-of-3 in doubles competition at Winston-Salem State, the Lady Eagles won four singles matches and claim a 4-3 victory, their first as a Division I program.







2007-2008 ROSTER

NAME	HT	Year	Major
Bass, Troy	5-8	FR	Biology
Cox, Braden			
Garza, Josue	6-3	SR	Business Management
Fowler, Maylon		SR	
Royster, Ronald	5-10	FR	Engineering
Sanchez, Juan		6-0	Undecided
Sellers, Brandon	6-2	FR	Business
Winters, Chris	6-0	SR	Criminal Justice

Paul Perry - Head Coach

On April 8th 2008, NCCU junior transfer Josue Garza shot a two-day total of 155 (+11) to finish tied for 21st place during the 2008 Independent Collegiate Golf Invitational. The event was hosted by Brevard College on Monday and Tuesday (April 7-8) at Etowah (N.C.) Valley Golf Club.

Garza, a transfer from Louisburg College and is native of Saltillo, Coahuila, Mexico. He fired a day one score of 77 (+5) and a 78 (+6) in the final round to top the Eagles.

NCCU junior Chris Winters finished in a tie for 25th place with a total score of 156 (+12). The Durham, N.C. native opened with a score of 75 (+3) and closed with an 81 (+9).

Senior Maylon-James Fowler placed in a tie for 45th by shooting a 165 (80 + 85).

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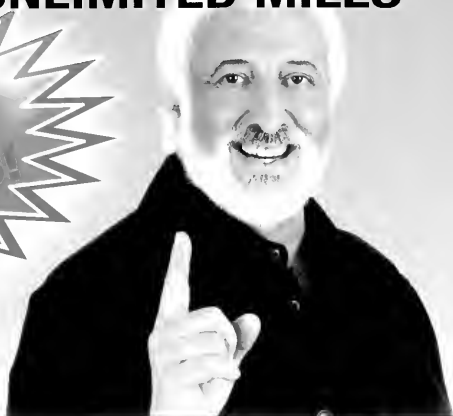
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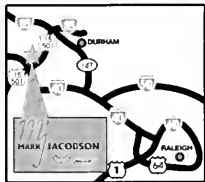
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The lovely blossom's beauteous sheen
Surround our college proud and gay
Where wave our colors, Maroon and Gray.
What matters it how far we roam,
Our thoughts will oft return to home,
And heart will e'er be true to thee.
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Refrain

Then Rah! Rah! Rah! For our colors so gay,
Dear old N.C.C.'s Maroon and Gray.
Thy Sons and Daughters will honor thee,
Dear old N.C.C.

We've gathered here to fit our lives
As from the darkness light revives,
So let us hail, both night and day.
Our glorious colors, Maroon and Gray.
We'll ever love and honor thee.
For thou has taught us loyalty.
Then let our watch word "Service" be
To our Alma Mater, N.C.C.

You send us forth with hearts of love
So like a blessing from above,
And from the path we'll never stray.
Our dear Alma Mater, Maroon and Gray
We'll work and fight; we'll win our way.
When duty calls, we shall obey.
And may e'er return to thee,
Our Alma Mater, N.C.C.



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and let us navigate towards the
future With confidence and
face new challenges With-
out wavering.

Poems by Willie Pace



What is an Eagle?

We cultivate; we encourage; we sculpt. We look beyond the level
Horizon to the cresting waves and abysmal valleys of a vibrant
Future. We nurture the growth of mental possibilities, prospect
The mind for abstract and concrete concepts for solutions to
World problems. We develop strong foundations that will
Help us meet challenges head-on, the challenges that
Gather like ominous storm clouds threatening our
Brightest future. We are in preparation; this is our
Terrain; this is our Mission. And we of the yearbook
Staff hope to Demonstrate our dedication to North
Carolina Central University and the community.
We Intend to celebrate our Eagle Pride. We
Will Share our dedication to involvement
And interaction with the community at
Large Through example. We will ac-
Complish our goals; and will build a
Catalogue of our gains by arranging
A montage of images to demon-
strate our Eagle Pride, which
has been handed down to these
Contemporary students of
North Carolina Central
University. From toil
We will persevere.
The power is
Given to us by
Dr. James E.
Shepard's
Kindred
Souls.



James E. Shepard, Founder

Office of the Chancellor



Dear Reader:

Perhaps more than any other in your lifetime, this year will remain vivid in your memory. This year, the United States struck a blow to racism that was recorded all over the world. With the election of President Barack Hussein Obama, an African-American assumed the highest office in a land that, in my lifetime, denied black people a room at an inn or a seat on a bus, let alone accommodations at the White House.

This year, the economic crisis proved for once and for all that nation states are so completely interdependent that there is only one shared, human condition. To the extent we assess problems and devise solutions to our economic, political, and environmental problems from this global perspective, we increase our chances of survival on this planet.

That is why North Carolina Central University has taken as part of its mission to enhance the consciousness of social responsibility in a diverse, global society. It is incumbent upon you to take the critical thinking skills that you have acquired and use them to evaluate and promote actions by our elected officials that enhance the health and prosperity of all, because we are all in this together.

This year, make part of your plan for the future to do whatever is in your power to advance the cause of justice for all people, here at home and around the world.

Best wishes,

Charlie Nelms

Charlie Nelms
Chancellor

When there is **SNOW** on campus. . .



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Kent Williams

Student Government President, 2008-09

Kent and student leaders at North Carolina Central University wanted students to rethink attending classes in baggy pants, hats and pajamas.

"We have a lot of recruiters and employers that come on our campus and see the students dressed in pajamas and have do-rags and sagging pants, and those are potential employers," Williams said.

Williams and other student leaders have decided to turn students into model citizens, by putting their photos on cards that suggest how to dress. The cards were distributed around campus after winter break.

According to the Campus Echo, Williams stressed that student leaders aren't trying to mandate a dress code, but want to encourage students to think a bit more about what they wear.



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Lesli Thomas

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Mary Wright

Political Science

Kenisha

Armstrong-Hill

Masters Information Science



"Congratulations Graduates!"

The year of your graduation will go down in history as the year of the inauguration of the first African-American as President of the United States. While this is a source of pride for all Americans, there remains much work still to be done to establish true racial equality in this nation of ours."

Chancellor Charlie Nelms



SPRING

2009

Marc Morial Commencement Speaker

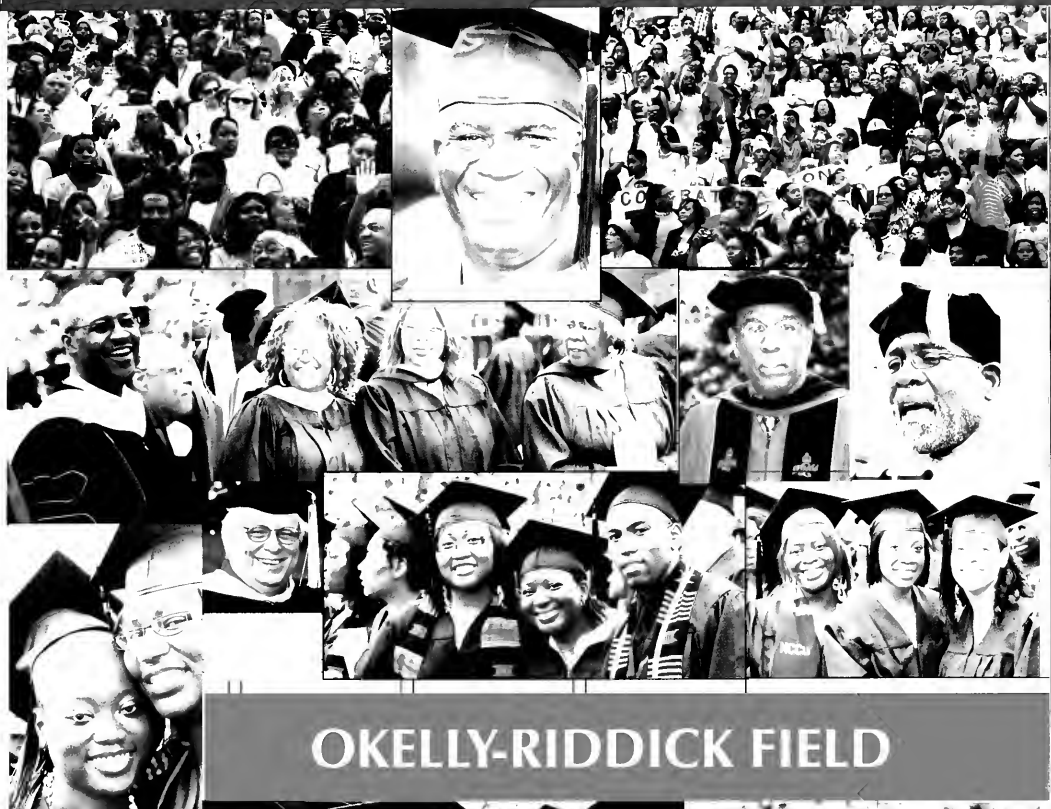
NCCU celebrated its 113th Commencement Exercises with more than 900 graduates, Saturday May 16th. The day started as an overcast morning that sheltered participants, graduates, their families and guest from the early morning sun. Commencement speaker was Marc Morial. Chancellor Charlie Nelms set the tone of acknowledgement and respect for full-time students who had to struggle to earn their degree such as honors graduate in psychology Amber Brown. Brown completed her degree while also working and caring for her ill mother and son. Nelms also mentioned summa cum laude business graduate Kingsley Ikharo and honors law graduate Mary Beth McLean, each the parents of seven children.

Marc Morial, president and CEO of the National Urban League, delivered an address about "The three B's—the ballot, the buck, and the book." He praised the African-American turnout during the presidential election but warned that participation must continue to ensure decisions like "where the money goes" are made with the needs of the African-American community in mind.

Morial congratulated the graduates for earning their degrees and the opportunity to make four times as much money over the course of their lifetimes than a high school dropout. He warned students to not stay in their comfortable neighborhoods but return to their home place and act as role models. "Don't let five years go by without going back to your high school," Morial added. He told graduates, they were the real leaders, the one young people needed to see.





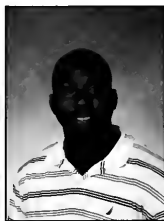


OKELLY-RIDDICK FIELD



UNDERCLASSMEN

Alexis Boston, Junior
Jeremy Brackett, Freshman
Kendra Bradshaw, Junior
Lou Bright, Junior



Crystal Brooks, Junior
Amanda Brown, Junior
Lakisha Copeland, Junior
Charles Crepsac, Junior



Alice Egerton, Freshman
Bobbu Finch, Junior
David Fitts, Junior
James Ford, Junior



Latoya Fuller, Freshman
Eban Gibson, Junior
Rachel Hagans, Junior
Brianna Hargrove, Freshman



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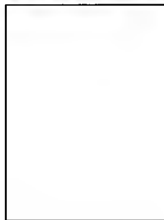
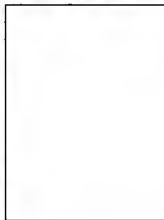
Darian Horton, Junior
Isha Jackson, Freshman
Dante Jones, Junior
Janay Jones, Senior



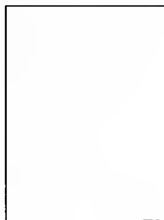
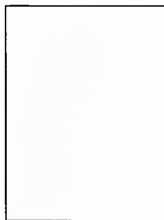
Sparkle King, Sophomore
Stacye King, Freshman
Ashley McCokle, Freshman
Oluwaseun Ogunnoiki, Freshman



Joi Robinson, Junior
Cletis Sawyer Jr., Junior
Mark Scott, Junior
Ashley Stiger, Junior



Erica Vines, Freshman
Josh Webster, Junior





A high-contrast, black and white photograph of a man, likely a rapper, wearing a crown and a dark cape over a white shirt. He is pointing his right index finger upwards. Behind him is a large, bright white circle against a black background. The image has a grainy, artistic quality.

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A high-contrast, black and white photograph. The left side of the image is dominated by a bright white, curved shape, likely a person's arm or shoulder, which curves towards the center. A hand is visible, reaching out with fingers slightly spread. The background is a solid, deep black. The overall effect is dramatic and minimalist.

OMING







Chanel J. Raynor of Newport, NC is a first-generation college student, seeking to obtain a bachelor's degree in psychology. After graduate school Chanel wishes to one day open her own private practice.

Miss NCCU was a member of the track and field team for two consecutive years and received All-CIAA honors. She has participated in the Psychology Club, ESTEEM, sophomore and junior class councils, and she is a member of the Alpha Chi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Recently, Chanel started her own organization, SISTERS, to empower, uplift and motivate the women of NCCU by means of "Building Bonds and Breaking Barriers." Chanel serves as a campus representative for a local church. She has received honors and inductions to Phi Eta Sigma and Golden Key National honor societies. She served as Miss Junior, 2007-2008.

Chanel expresses herself by stating, "Thanks to you all for giving me this great opportunity to serve you. I'll strive for excellence, and I only wish to represent you in the fullest of all capacities."

MISS NCCU

Chanel Janay Raynor

Homecoming



Mr. & Ms. Vintage Baynes
Cheritta Hosch
James Knights



SHARONDA ARNOLD '05
CHANEL J RAYNOR, Miss NCCU
LOTOYA TATE '08





Mr. Phi Beta Sigma & Ms. Zeta
Phi Beta
Monique Pearce
Brandon Chapman



Mr. & Ms. Eagle View TV
Gabrielle Jones
Courtney Jordan



Mr. & Ms. Evalessco
Katherine Gavin
Kirkland Armstrong



Mr. & Ms. NCCU Debutant
Tiffani Wright
Travis Bullock



**Mr. & Ms. American
Chemical Society**
Gabrielle Jones
Courtney Jordan



Mr. & Ms. Alpha Chi
Jasmine Sinclair
Tennison Malcolm



Mr. & Ms. School of Business
Jackie Graham
Tyrone Simmons



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Katherine Whitfield
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Michael Moore



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Brinton Hayes



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Adedolapo Busuyi
Jamaal White



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Hope Leach
Jason Bobbit



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Courtney Mangum
Brian McIntosh



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Vineshia Smith
Steven Hunter



Mr. & Ms. Miss Freshman
Tiffany Denise Agerton
Brandon Terrell Hick



Mr. & Ms. Sophomore
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Nigel Nathaniel Cox



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Dante Jerrod Jones



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Sierra Leone Hobbs
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COOLEST FACIAL
CHARACTER



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THE BEST DRILL
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2008 HOMECOMING





MING GAME





FANS COME TO WATCH NCCU

SPORTS



Dr. Ingrid Wicker-McCree
Director of Athletics

NCCU's athletics program is designed to promote physical fitness, positive group involvement, sportsmanship, and respect for team members, opponents and authority. A strong athletic program attracts students, raises community interest, and contributes to school spirit and instills character.

Ingrid Wicker-McCree was appointed as Director of Athletics in 2008. She has a record of leadership and achievement. Wicker-McCree has been the driving force behind NCCU's reclassification in NCAA Division I. She is in charge of the internal operations of the Athletics Department, including all compliance and eligibility programs.

Kyle is the Associate Athletic director for Media Relations. He coordinates media advertising, marketing and promotions for the Athletic Department. Kyle is very supportive of student activities in athletics in addition to working with students in other areas. For years he has contributed stories and photographs for the publication of the Eagle Yearbook. The 2009 Eagle staff salutes Kyle Serba for his service and support.



Kyle Serba
Associate Athletic Director for
Media Relations

SPORTS



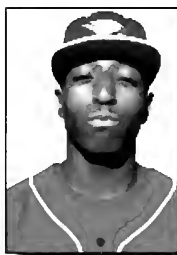


BASEBALL



Henry White, Head Coach

Michael Swann, Ken Valentine, Chris Smith - Assistant Coaches



**Justin Goodson
James Jordan
Tim McAllister
Robert Landis**

**Akeem Hood
Anthony Wilson
Aaron Saunders
Kurt Wilson**



The Baseball Team had a great season. Oliver Jenkins, #18 had 5 base hits and scored on RBI singles. Greg Pickett, #13 scored singles. The Eagles played a good tough game against Savannah State even though they did not win. Akeem Hood, #1, hit a triple for NCCU, Robert Landis, #9 got a two-run home run and Kurt Wilson, #4 had a pinch-hit, two-run double. The Eagles played outstanding and are finishing the season by working extra hard in practice.



David Scott
Ross Plummer
Jerel Campbell
Greg Pickett

Chris Strickland
Joseph Cobb
Brandon Oatis
Oliver Jenkins



Robert Grant
Tim Rennard
Jeff Citero
Matt Lee

Wesley Washington
Cedrick Coleman
Blake Murray
Douglas Dailey



Edward Pegues



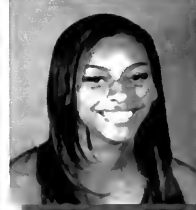


BASKETBALL



**NCCU Closes Out Season with a Victory Over
Longwood University 71 - 66**





Row 1:
Lavonna Hailey, Jori Nwachukwu, Whitney Lee, Sheresa Mills

Row 2:
Shanise Blanks, Katrice Elliott, Tonia Roundtree, Chasidy Williams

Row 3:
Danielle DeBerry, Candess Carter, Genevieve Hyman, Keyonta Thacker

Row 4:
Latoya Bennett



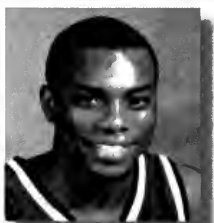
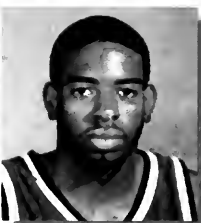
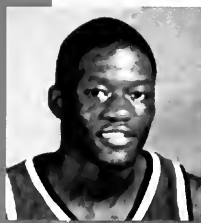
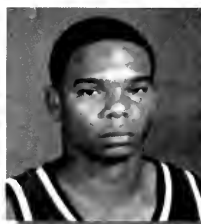
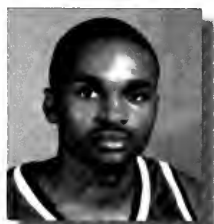
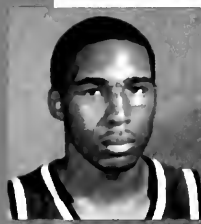
Joli Robinson - Head Coach, George Williams - Assistant Head Coach, Tony Vanderburg - Assistant Coach, Annitra Cole - Assistant Coach (picture unavailable)

The NCCU women's basketball team played outstanding this year. Freshman, Chasidy Williams #24, and Junior, LaToya Bennett #41, led the Lady Eagles in scoring and rebounds. At the end of the season, NCCU won their final game 71-76 against Longwood University. The women's basketball team defeated teams from Texas-Pan American, Tennessee State, Western Michigan, and South Carolina State. The games that the team did lose were very close in points and they played extremely well. In the game against Western Michigan, Junior, Jori Nwachukwu #3, led the Eagles with 25 points. Freshman guard, Danielle DeBerry #25, scored 14 points and Freshman guard, Blaire Houston #10, scored 13 points. The game was won in overtime with the score 67-66. Once again, the Lady Eagles excelled!





Men's Basketball



Row 1:
Joshua Worthy, Michael Glasker, J'Mell Walters, Philip Branch

Row 2:
Jamar Briscoe, Bryan Ayala, Lamar Pittman, Nick Chasten

Row 3:
Dami Sapara, Vincent Davis, Stevy Worah-Ozimo, Tremain Holloway

Row 4:
Raphael McDonald, Norbert Randall

NCCU Defeats University of Texas-Pan American for the First Victory of the Season



Henry Dickerson- Head Coach, Ray Martin - Assistant Coach, LeVelle Moton - Assistant Coach, Umar Muhamad - Video Coordinator

The NCCU men's basketball team had an average season. They played and won against Texas-Pan American, Central State Ohio and Longwood. In an outstanding game against Longwood, the Eagles won 82 - 64 after playing very strong. Freshman guard #10, Jamar Briscoe led the Eagles by scoring 37 points, Bryan Ayala, # 12, scored 10 points, 6 assists, and 5 steals, Nick Chasten, #22, scored 11 points, 4 boards, 3 steals and 3 blocks. Senior guard Philip Branch, #5 scored 5 points and 4 rebounds. Go Eagles!!!

BOWLING

Karen Sanford, Head Coach
Michelle Salas, Team



LaTia Blacknell
Amber Campbell
Lindsey Green



Ashley Lofton
Elizabeth Schuster

NCCU Bowling Team Ends Season With Win Over A & T 699 - 698 !!

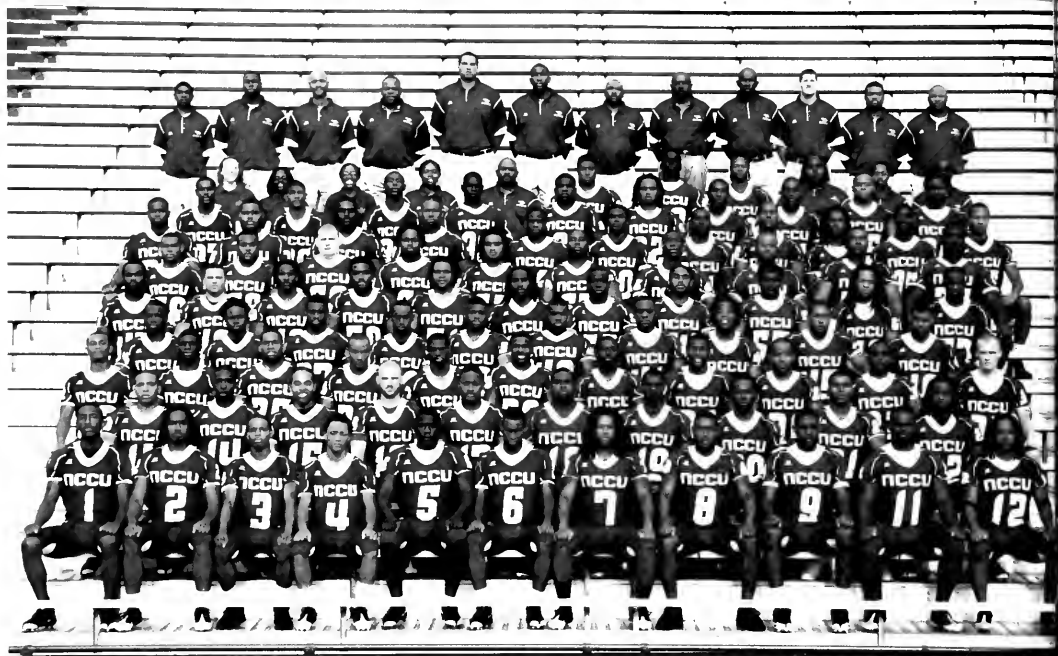
Eagle Bowling Pride!!!

Elizabeth Schuster Bowls 203!!



The NCCU Bowling Team bowled tremendous games against Morgan State University and Saint Paul's College. The Eagles played in a tournament against Saint Francis College, Hampton, SUNY Institute of Technology and other schools. Lindsey Green, freshman, led the Eagles that weekend with a pin count of 994 and an average of 165.667. Lindsey also bowled games of 202, 129, 198, 159, 147, and 159. Following close was LaTia Blacknell with a pin count of 961 and an average of 160.167. Other bowlers also played well during this season. Amber Campbell had a pin count of 893, and an average of 148.833, Ashley Lofton had a pin count of 842. Last, but not least, was Elizabeth Schuster with a pin count of 812 and an average of 135.33

FOOTBALL



The NCCU Football Team had a tough season switching from Division II to Division I. Although the Eagles did not win every game, they worked well as a team. They played against NCA&T, James Madison, Central Connecticut 2, and Coastal Carolina. Tony McCord, Tim Shankle, Justin Campbell, led in rushing. Wayne Blackwell, #87, scored 6 touchdowns, Will Scott, #83, scored 5, Tim Shankle, #25 scored 3, George Mobley, #39 and Jeff Tolliver, #22 each scored 2 touchdowns. DeMarcus Hill, #81, Alex Winters, #48, Tony McCord, #5, Stafford Brown, #2, David Ingram, #23, and Saeed Abdul-Azeez, #47 each scored 1 touchdown.



***NCCU Offense Storms Out, Defense
Holds Up to Defeat Rival
A & T Aggies 28 - 27***





Row 1:

Mose Rison - Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator/QBs, Derrick Arnold - Special Teams Coordinator, Darryl Bullock - Assistant Head Coach/Offensive Line Coach, Jake Cabell - Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Backs Coach

Row 2:

Kwame Dixon - Wide Receivers Coach, John Fletcher - Tight Ends Coach, Marcus Gladden - Running Backs Coach, John Kelley - Defensive Line Coach

Row 3:

Gilbert Wiggins - Outside Linebackers Coach, Marcello Royal - Assistant Defensive Backs coach, Billy Ruffin - Equipment Manager

Football

Football



Row 1:
Corey Harris, Stadford Brown, Deshawn Spears, Geovonie Irvine

Row 2:
Tony McCord, Andrew Johnson, Rakeem Vick, Jeffery Henderson

Row 3:
Jonathan Nicely, Calvin Hillie, Donald Laster, Jerron Joe

Row 4:
Donte Alston, Keon Williams, Michael Johnson, Brandon Gilbert

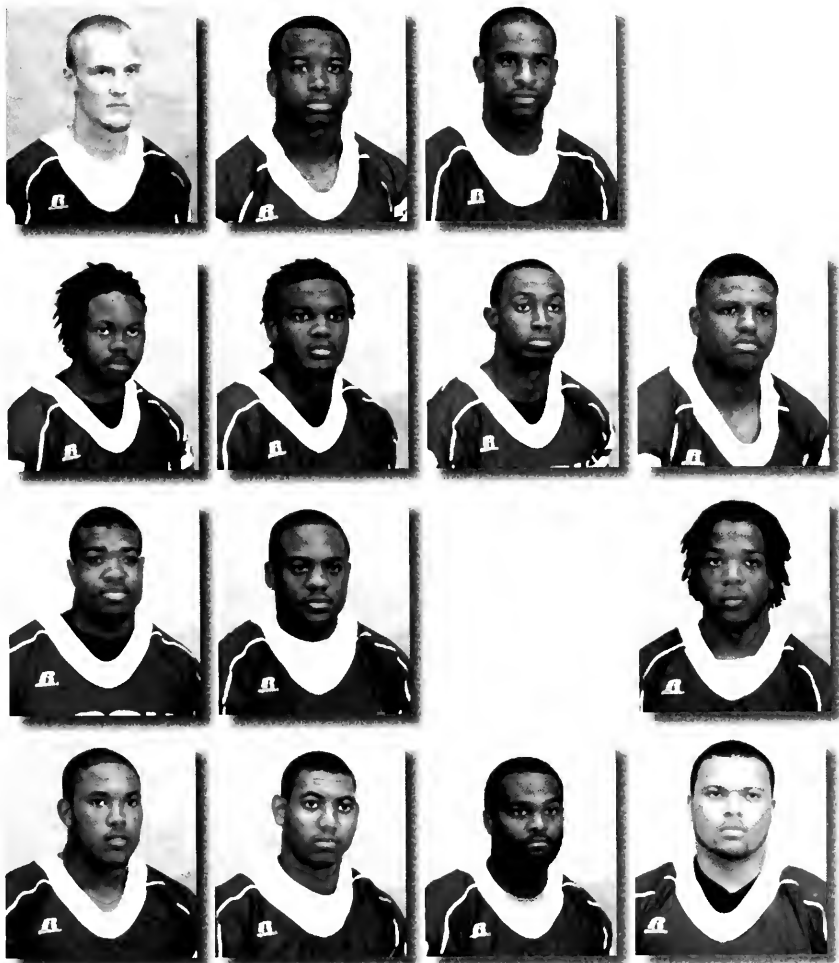


Row 1:
Kendall Smith, Eric Smalls, Kurtis Campbell, Derek Harvey

Row 2:
Rasheed Muhammad, Jeff Toliver, David Ingram, Micquel Johnson

Row 3:
Tim Shankle, James Reese, Ja'Quez Canty, Robert Stewart

Row 4:
Brian Frierson, Rashad Fox, Cory Hamilton, Troy Philpot (picture unavailable)



Row 1:

Taylor Gray, Justin Campbell, Zachary Means, Justin Manning

Row 2:

Antonio Carson, Joseph Sanders, Sedrick Jones, George Mobley

Row 3:

Roger Stewart, Anthony Stewart, Davarius Evans (picture unavailable), Emanuel Williams

Row 4:

Brandon Outlaw, Lloyd Leach, Saeed Abdul-Azeez, Alex Winters

Football

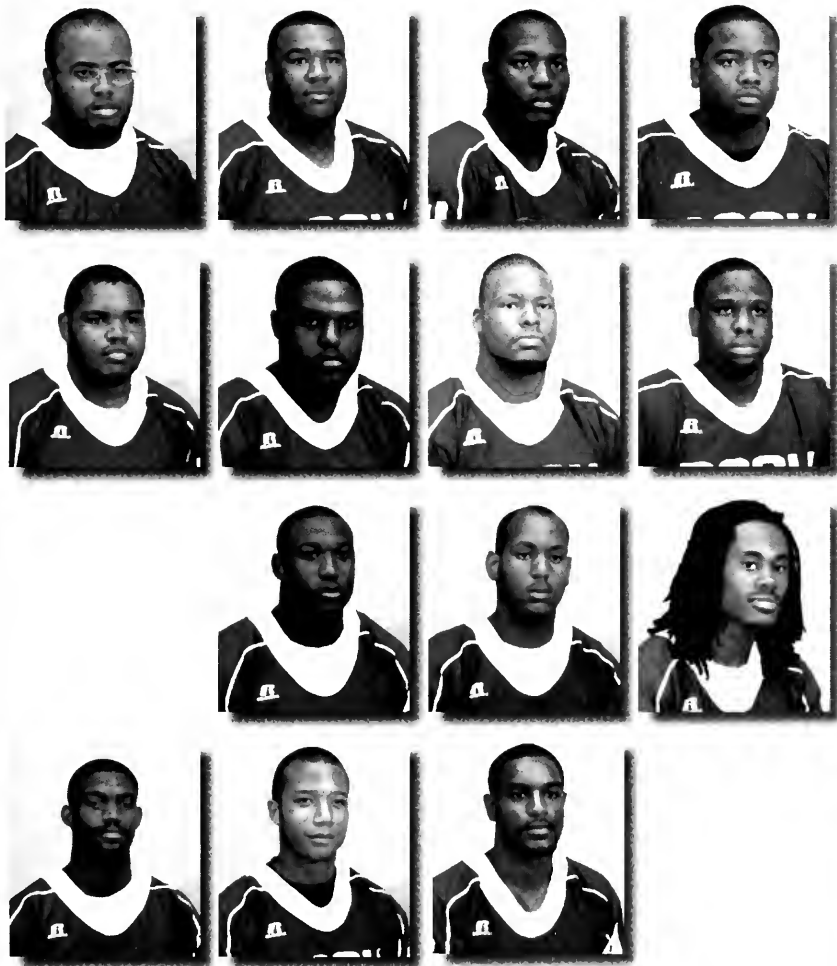


Row 1:
Rickie Hubbard, Teryl White, Deshawn Bowden, Troy McConico

Row 2:
Elroy Powell III, Stephen Manuel, Littbarski Blackwood, William Tisdale

Row 3:
Eliezer Sandifer, Greg Greene, James Frye, Donavon Harbison

Row 4:
Tamiko Kelly, Mario Brice, Alonzo Hunter, Malcolm Rook



Row 1:
Jermere Nickerson, Markee Watts, Jovan Olafioye, Gabriel Manns

Row 2:
Eric Stanley, Brian McDuffy, Alex Johnson, Timothy Charity

Row 3:
Raphael McDonald (picture unavailable), DeMarcus Hill, Chris Drew, Will Scott

Row 4:
DeMorio Waymon, Rickey Edwards, Decona Roberts (picture unavailable), Wayne Blackwell

Football



Row 1:
Xavier Proctor, Earthan Ward, Mark Blakeney, Danez Jones

Row 2:
Dominique Moore, timothy McClendon, Sam Battle, Jumaane Noibi

Row 3:
Raphael McDonald (picture unavailable), DeMarcus Hill, Chris Drew, Will Scott

Row 4:
Joe Hutchinson, Marc Lewis (picture unavailable)

Football

GOLF



Paul Perry, Head Coach



Josue Garza



Chris Winters

**Braden Cox
Ronald Royster
Juan Sanchez (pictures unavailable)**

The NCCU golf team played some very challenging games against some tough competitors. Chris Winters and Josue Garza lead the way, each shooting 76 (+5). Winters topped all golfers with a par four average of 4.18 (+2 totals). A junior transfer, Juan Sanchez tied for 26th place with a score of 82 (+11). Freshman Ronald Royster shot 85 (+14) and Braden Cox shot 87 (+16)

SOFTBALL



Row 1:
Jamila Holmes, Sophia Blue

Row 2:
Ashanti Stroud, Michelle Ishida, Desanbra Franklin, Ashley Henderson

Row 3:
Kristen Schooler

Pictures unavailable for:
Andrea Searles, Jessica Refojo, Tia Kirby, Andrea Wheeler, Trishann Hayes, Nadia Moreta, Ashley Shade, April Boone



Mike Charlton, Head Coach

The NCCU Softball Team had a phenomenal season playing against several teams that challenged them. Michelle Ishida, #11, scored the Eagles' first run off of a RBI single hit by Desanbra Franklin, #13. Pitchers Kristen Schooler, #16, and Michelle Ishida played very well. The Lady Eagles defeated Maryland Eastern Shores, winning 10 - 6. Ashanti Stroud, #7, had 2 hits and 3 runs batted in.



SOFTBALL



2009 NCCU Softball Team

(Standing left to right) Trishann Hayes, Tia Kirby, April Boone, Ashley Henderson, Desandra Franklin, Jamila Holmes, Michele Ishida, Christina Risks, Nadia Moreta, and Andrea Wheeler.

(Kneeling left to right) Andrea Searls, Ashley Shade, Kristen Schooler, Sophia Blue, Jessica Refojo, Ashanti Stroud.





David Nass, Head Coach



Row 1:
Kateryna Chorna, Ashley McRae, Maria Medina, Ashley Rogers

Row 2:
Antoinette Spain, Tatiana Valasquez

Maritsann Sinclair (picture unavailable)

The NCCU Women's Tennis Team competed in singles and doubles matches. They defeated teams from Winston Salem State and Catawba. Though they did not have a winning season, they continue to work hard for a better season next year! Go !! Lady Eagles Tennis!!



Women's Tennis

*NCCU Men's Tennis signs nationally
ranked standout from Colombia*

NCCU Defeated WSSU 6 - 1



**Stephen Allsop, Jermaine Byrd, Trey Chatman
Alejandro Espitia, Jose Fabara, Andres Perez, Jack Waissen (not pictured in this
order)**

**D. Curtis Lawson - Director of Tennis / Head Coach-Men's Tennis
John McLean IV -Assistant Coach**

**The NCCU Men's Tennis Team com-
peted in singles and doubles matches.
Trey Chatman and Andres Perez won
their doubles match Marcelo Diaz
and Joonas Jalkanen in a tiebreaker,
9-8 (7-4).**



Alejandro Espitia



Jermaine Byrd



Andres Perez



Jack Waissen

Men's Tennis



TRACK & FIELD



Row 1:
Ambria Alexander, Tierra Blue, Brittany Brown, Jamie Brown

Row 2:
Ashley Cooke, Brandy Cox, Saqenda Dallas, Kim Derrickson

Row 3:
Kellie Dunston, Deanna Eley, Lakisha Gantt, Shadae Giles

Row 4:
Karol Holt, Desinia Johnson, Mercedes Moore



Michael Lawson - Coach, Bernard Austin, Christina Harris, Tavius Walker

The NCCU Track Team competed against some of the best schools. At a meet hosted by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, they competed against Winston Salem State, East Carolina, UNC-CH and others. In every event, the Eagles decreased their times. Chavarria Williams and Shadae Giles placed 11th and 12th in the 400 meter dash running times of 57.22 and 57.25. Dreanna Wallace ran the mile in 5:28.53. Chavarria Williams, Shadae Giles, Lakisha Gantt, and Tierra Blue ran the 4x400 meter relay in 3:50.98.

Chris Hall ran the 400 meter dash in 50.09, placing 8th. James Kukat ran a mile in 4:27.67, placing 12th. Omar Robinson, Jeff Rankins, Charles Lindsay, and Chris Hall placed 16th in the 4x400 meter dash with a time of 3:19.70. In the shot put, Myosha Price threw a distance of 11.66 meters and Brandy Cox threw a distance of 11.71 meters. Eric Smalls threw a distance of 16.50. The running Eagles had an amazing season.



Row 1:
Myosha Price, Paig Robinson, Sheldonia Simmers

Row 2:
Dreanna Wallace, Chevarria Williams

Pictures unavailable for Latisha Jones, and Chrystal Shephard





Four North Carolina Central University student-athletes and the women's relay team earned top 10 finishes at the 2009 Raleigh Relays, on the campus of North Carolina State University on March 28-29.

Senior Christopher Davis (Charlotte, N.C.) was the top finisher for NCCU, placing first in the 100 meter dash with a blistering time of 10.57 seconds beating out Shannon Davis of East Kentucky (2nd, 10.61) and Jamaree Gordon of Kentucky State (3rd, 10.69).

Eagles senior Eric Smalls (Raleigh, N.C.) placed second in the shot put with a throw of 17.60 meters, while also claiming fourth place in the discus throw (51.09).

Senior Will Scott (Charlotte, N.C.) placed eighth in the long jump with a leap of 6.91 meters.

The fourth Eagle to record a top 10 finish was sophomore Daran Gill (Bridgetown, Barbados), who placed ninth in the javelin throw competition with a distance of 50.11m





Row 1:

Marcus Anderson, Antonio Cowart, Christopher Davis, Jamal Davis

Row 2:

Daran Gill, Phillip Hardy, Quantae Holliman, Brandon Jones

Row 3:

Gerald Jones, James Kukat, Charles Lindsay, Omar Robinson

Eric Smalls, second from the left, was honored by NCCU Student Activities Board and Beta Nu Rho as the Male Student-Athlete of the year.

Smalls, a native of Raleigh, N.C., is a two-sport standout for the Eagles. In football, he ranked fifth on the squad with 54 total tackles and was second on the team in sacks with 5.5. At three spring track meets, Smalls won the discus throw competition, while also finishing second twice. In the shot put, he posted two second place performances and two third place efforts.



Row 1:

Clifton Scarborough, Eric Smalls, Chris Stewart, Nealie Whitt

Row 2:

Chris Wilburn

Pictures unavailable for:

Jared Aguayo, Michael Edwards, Chris Hall, Christopher Martin, Jeff Rankins, Will Scott

Track & Field

CROSS COUNTRY



First Row L-R
Ambria Alexander
Nakia Carter
Ashley Cooke
Kellie Dunston
Lakisha Gantt

Second Row L-R
Karol Holt
Desinla Johnson
Sheldonia Simmers
Dreanna Wallace

Third Row L-R
Jamal Davis
Quantee Hollman
Brandon Jones



Fourth Row L-R
Jamar Jones
James Kukat



Coaches
Michael Lawson - Head Coach, Bernard Austin, Christina Harris, Tavius Walker - Assistant Coaches

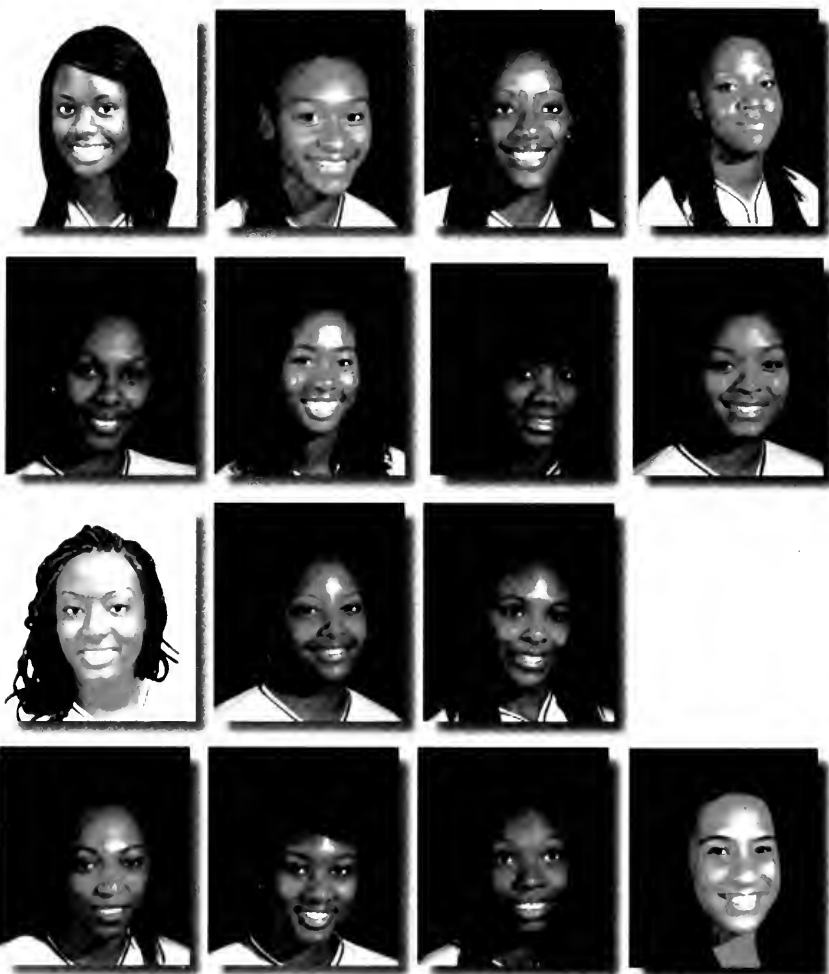


The Cross Country teams finished their season participating in the annual NCCU Eagle Cross Country Invitational held at Forest Hills Park in Durham. The visiting teams included NC A&T State University Aggies, Mount Olive College Trojans, Barton College Bulldogs, Pfeiffer University Falcons and the Louisburg College Hurricanes.

The Eagles had two first place finishes. The lady Eagles were lead by junior Desinia Johnson finishing in first place on the 5K course in 19:51.19. James Kufat was outstanding for the men with a first place run time of 25:54.10 to lead the Eagles to a first place total team score of 38 points.



VOLLEYBALL



Row 1:

Belinda Behncke-Biney, Kiara Brown, Avaniki Campbell, Maritsann Sinclair

Row 2:

Aqiyla Gomez, Ashley Griffin, Sashelee Wallen, Cara Hill

Row 3:

Alexis John, Nena Johnson, Raven King

Row 4:

Shantel Moore, Shaina Pryor, Tasha-Gaye Richards, and Anielle Dasilva Asst. Coach



Georgette Crawford-Crooks - Head Coach
Kristan Fields, senior



Nadia Hayes, Rachel Lloyd and Ashley Shade all seniors

Coach Georgette Crawford-Crooks completed her third season and the second year of Division I competition. Coach Crooks has an outstanding career. She spent her last four years before NCCU; two years as assistant coach at NC A&T and two years as assistant coach at NC State.

As reported on NCCU home web site, the Eagles Volleyball team sent seniors out on a positive note in a regular season home finale, beating arch-rival Winston-Salem State University. Seniors Kristan Fields, Nadia Hayes, Rachel Lloyd, and Ashley Shade were honored. The team was led by Avaniki Campbell with 12 kills and teammate Aquiyila Gomez and Hayes each had seven kills. Hayes also recorded a game-high three service aces in the victory.







CHEERLEADERS





**2008 Cheering
Team**

**Jalisa Barnhill
Tierra Butler
Timberly Butler
Tracy Carroll
April Gramby
Jennifer Mason
Sheila Mills
Joi Robinson
Ashley Roy
Curtisha Sellars
Caress Stokes
Camille Strachan
Sade Thompson
Taraza Tyler
Silena Walker
Nicole Warren
Brittany Watson
LuAnn Edmonds-Harris,
Head Coach
Andria Davis,
Assistant Coach**





BRAND SUPPORTER OF NCCU EAGLE ATHLETICS!

“The Sound Machine Band”

The Marching Sound Machine Steps Band

NCCU definitely lives up to the legacy of an outstanding HBCU marching band. Our Marching Sound Machine is comprised of approximately 200 members and is one of the top 10 HBCU marching bands. They performed at the 2005, 2006, and 2007 Honda Battle of the Bands Invitational Showcase. The Marching Sound Machine is a fixture at home football games and at many community events in Durham.

Jorim Reid, Sound Machine's director serves as marching coordinator, arranger, and drill designer. He is also director of both Wind Symphony and pep bands. Fans love to hear the band blow a mixture of quality music at home or on the road. Members of the Sound Machine also feel strongly about grooming future musicians. Each year, the Sound Machine holds its annual "Band Blast," bringing together high school bands from across the state for a series of workshops on specific instruments, student leadership, showmanship and marching techniques.



North Carolina Central University has numerous clubs and organizations that students may join to find their niche on campus or to meet other students with whom they have similar interests. The type of organizations range from academic, governing body/representative, fraternity/sorority, international, political/social action, religious/spiritual, special interest, social, sports/recreation, student media/publications to ethnic and multicultural.



GREEKS



AKA

ALPHA CHI CHAPTER OF
ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA
SORORITY INC.

ALPHA CHI CHAPTER OF **ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA** SORORITY, INC.

In 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority became America's first greek-letter organization established by black college women. The Sorority's roots date back to Howard University in Washington, D.C. Ethel Hedgeman Lyle of St. Louis, Missouri conceived the idea for the sorority-based formation. She viewed the Sorority as an instrument for enriching the social and intellectual aspects of college life by providing mental stimulation through interaction with friends and associates. Through the years, however, Alpha Kappa Alpha gradually branched out and became the channel through which selected college trained women improved the socioeconomic conditions in the city, state, nation, and the world.

Alpha Kappa Alpha is a sisterhood composed of women who have consciously chosen this affiliation as a means of self-fulfillment through volunteer service.

Alpha Kappa Alpha cultivates and encourages high scholastics and ethical standards; promotes unity and friendship among college women; alleviates problems concerning girls and women; maintains a progressive interest in college life; and serves all mankind through a nucleus of more than 170,000 women in the United States, the Caribbean, Europe, and Africa.

Candidacy for membership into Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is open to women of high ethical and scholastic standards and who are pursuing or have completed courses leading to a degree in an accredited college or university. The official headquarters is in Chicago, Illinois.





GAMMA BETA CHAPTER OF
ALPHA PHI ALPHA
FRATERNITY INC.

GAMMA BETA CHAPTER OF **ALPHA PHI ALPHA** FRATERNITY, INC

Since its founding on December 4, 1906, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. has supplied voice and vision to the struggle of African-Americans and people of color around the world. Alpha Phi Alpha, the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African-Americans, was founded at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York by seven college men who recognized the need for a strong bond of brotherhood among African descendants in this country. The visionary founders, known as the "Jewels" of the Fraternity, are Henry Arthur Callis, Charles Henry Chapman, Eugene Kinckle Jones, George Biddle Kelley, Nathaniel Allison Murray, Robert Har-
old Ogle, and Vertner Woodson Tandy. The Fraternity initially served as a study and support group for minority students who faced racial prejudice, both educationally and socially, at Cornell.

May 23, 1941 marks the date that the greatest chapter in Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. was established on the campus of North Carolina College for Negroes (presently North Carolina Central University). Bro. Billy Adkins, Bro. Theodore Bell, Bro. Sylvester Carter, Bro. William P. Malone, and Bro. Ward Parham sparked the beginning of a chapter that has grown to produce over 300 members each having left a distinctive mark on the history of Alpha Phi Alpha. The Gangsta Gamma Beta chapter has been known as an active chapter dedicated to the cause of building a better community. The character of the chapter has shown itself through the countless numbers of programs and services Gamma Beta has provided throughout the years. The Jewel founders and early leaders of the fraternity succeeded in laying a firm foundation for Alpha Phi Alpha's principles of scholarship, fellowship, good character, and the uplifting of humanity.





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ALPHA LAMBDA CHAPTER OF
DELTA SIGMA THETA
SORORITY INC.

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Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was founded in 1913 by 22 students at Howard University. These young women used their collective strength to promote academic excellence; to provide scholarships; to support to the undeserved; to educate and stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public policy; and to highlight issues and provide solutions for problems in the communities. The organizational structure and governance of the Sorority is invested in the Grand Chapter, which meets at National Convention biennially.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a private non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through programs in local communities throughout the world.



A sisterhood of more than 200,000 predominately Black College educated women, the Sorority currently has over 900 chapters located in the United States, England, Japan (Tokyo and Okinawa), Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and the Republic of Korea. The major programs of the sorority are based upon the organization's Five Point Trust of:

- Economic Development
- Educational Development
- International Awareness and Involvement
- Physical and Mental Health
- Political Awareness And Involvement





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SIGMA GAMMA RHO
SORORITY, INC.

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SORORITY, INC.

Sigma Gamma Rho SorORITY, Inc. was organized by seven young educators on November 12, 1922 in Indianapolis, Indiana. The young ladies in the sorority work to enhance the quality of life within the community. Public service, leadership development and education of youth are the hallmark tenets of the organization's programs and activities. Sigma Gamma Rho goals are to impact society educationally, civically, and economically.

Sigma Gamma Rho has become an international service organization comprised of women from every profession. Sigma Gamma Rho offers its members opportunities to develop their unique talents through leadership training and involvement in sorority activities. These various activities provide an atmosphere where friendships and professional contacts are developed and often lead to bonds that last a lifetime.

Sorority women are active through networking with other organizations such as the National Council of Negro Women, the Urban League, and the NAACP.



Sigma Gamma Rho has a legacy of service to improve the quality of life for all women and men nationally and internationally.





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PHI BETA SIGMA
FRATERNITY INC

GAMMA GAMMA CHAPTER OF PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY, INC.

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. was founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C. on January 9, 1914, by three young African-American male students. The founders, Honorable A. Langston Taylor, Honorable Leonard F. Morse, and Honorable Charles I. Brown, organized a Greek letter fraternity that would truly exemplify the ideals of brotherhood, scholarship, and service.

The founders believed that each potential member should be judged by his own merits rather than his family background or affluence and without regard of race, nationality, skin tone or texture of hair. The fraternity exists today as part of an even greater brotherhood which would be devoted to the "inclusive we" rather than the "exclusive we."

From the inception of Phi Beta Sigma, its founders also conceived Phi Beta Sigma as a mechanism to deliver services to the general community. Rather than gaining skills to be utilized exclusively for themselves and their immediate families, the founders of Phi Beta Sigma held a deep conviction that they would return their newly acquired skills to the communities from which they had come. This deep conviction was mirrored in the Fraternity's motto, "Culture for service and service for humanity."

Today, ninety-five years later, Phi Beta Sigma has blossomed into an international organization of leaders. No longer a single entity, the fraternity has now established the Phi Beta Sigma Educational Foundation, the Phi Beta Sigma Housing Foundation, the Phi Beta Sigma Credit Union, and the Phi Beta Sigma Charitable Outreach Foundation. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. founded in 1920 with the assistance of Phi Beta Sigma, is the sister organization. No other fraternity and sorority are constitutionally bound as are the Sigmas and the Zetas. Both organizations enjoy and foster a mutually supportive relationship.





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TAU PSI CHAPTER OF
OMEGA PSI PHI
FRATERNITY INC.

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OMEGA PSI PHI
FRATERNITY, INC.

On Friday evening, November 17, 1911, three Howard University undergraduate students, with the assistance of their faculty advisor, gave birth to the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Professor Ernest E. Just was the faculty advisor, the three liberal arts students were Edgar A. Love, Oscar J. Cooper and Frank Coleman. From the initials of the Greek phrase meaning "friendship is essential to the soul," the name Omega Psi Phi was derived. The phrase was selected as the motto. Manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift were adopted as cardinal principles.

Currently, Omega Psi Phi has initiated more than 130,000 members and has established over 500 chapters. Tau Psi Chapter on NCCU's campus plays a vital role in Greek life for young men working toward academic accomplishments and community service.





ZPB

GAMMA GAMMA CHAPTER OF
ZETA PHI BETA
SORORITY INC.

GAMMA GAMMA CHAPTER OF ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INC.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority began January 16, 1920, on the belief that sorority elitism and socializing should not overshadow and real mission of a progressive organization. Zeta Phi Beta addresses societal mores, ills, prejudices, poverty and health concerns. The sorority was conceived by five coeds at Howard University. The women were Arizona Cleaver, Myrtle Tyler, Viola Tyler, Frannie Pettie, and Pearl Neal. These women were known as the five pearls, dared to depart from the traditional coalitions for black women. The sorority was predicated on the precepts of scholarship, service, sisterlylove, and finer womanhood. It was the idea of the founders that the sorority would reach college women in all parts of the country who were sorority minded and desired to follow the founding principle of the organization. Viola Tyler was often quoted... "In the ideal collegiate situation there is Zeta in a girl regardless of race, creed, or color, who has high standards and principles."

Zeta women have good scholarly averages and are actively interest in social and community service.





KAPPA

ALPHA KAPPA CHAPTER OF KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY INC.

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity was formed January 5, 1911. College men are members of this fraternity regardless of race, creed or color. The constitution of Kappa Alpha Psi is dedicated to the principles of achievement through a democratic fraternity. The founder of NCCU, Dr. James E. Shepard was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi.

A black and white photograph of a classical building with a portico supported by columns. A large, rounded bush is in the foreground, and a set of stairs with a metal railing is visible on the right side of the building. The word "departments" is overlaid in large, bold, white letters with a drop shadow.

departments

Department of ART



The **Department of Art** has an exciting group of faculty who are serious about making art and directing students to move into new realms of self exploration. The art curriculum is packed with courses to allow creative students to be introduced to the art-making process that leads to both conceptual development and unique style development. The department offers the Bachelors of Arts degree in one of two majors, Art Education or Art with concentrations in Visual Communications, Studio and Art Studies.

Above (left to right) are art faculty members: Melvin Carver, Chairman, Gail Williams, Chad Hughes, Myon Sin Choi, Acha Debela, and Donata Ray, Office Administrator. Graduates completing the Visual Communications concentration find employment as graphic artists, photographers, print production, screen printers, teachers, web designers, and freelance artists.



Department of Art Endowed Professor Beverly McIver critiques Chanel Austin's painting. Chanel is a rising senior in the Visual Communications Concentration.



BRITE

Biomanufacturing Research Institute and Technology



North Carolina Central University is home to one of most the innovative biotechnology educational initiatives in the country and the only formal biotech degree program offered by a North Carolina University. The University's **Biomanufacturing Research Institute and Technology Enterprise** (BRITE) are creating a pool of incredibly well-trained students ready to excel in biotechnology and biomanufacturing. BRITE combines a highly credentialed faculty with state-of-the-art equipment and facilities to create an unparalleled learning environment. Students follow a curriculum developed in conjunction with premiere biotech companies, participate in hands-on research and receive career counseling. The BRITE component has a strong research focus particularly in the areas of drug discovery and manufacturing technology.



department of



The Department of English and Mass Communications in the College of Liberal Arts is preparing students to become professional with multi-disciplinary skills that are very much in demand in the world of business, education, industry, medicine and beyond. Communication skills top the list of resources and personal assets that companies seek. They are the needed talents for success in all fields of endeavors and engagement between people and nations. The NCCU English and Mass Communications Department offers undergraduate and graduate degrees to students seeking to fulfill their dreams to become education administrators and teachers, technical and creative writers, literature analysts and literary critics, and mass communication specialists such as anchors, announcers, broadcasters and journalists. Also, this department prepares students to become successful lawyers, company directors, department managers, and customer service consultants. In all, the College of Liberal Arts programs, such as this one, help to build a foundation for professional excellence and personal development.



History department

The **History Department** at North Carolina Central University is housed in the Edmonds Classroom Building. NCCU offers both undergraduate and graduate degrees in history. Students receive a high quality of history education that prepares them to become educators, researchers, archivists, and museum curators. History students are able to specialize in American, African-American, African, Latin American, or European history. The NCCU History Department website asserts, "The History Department continues to produce more students who have earned the Ph.D. in history than any other Historically Black College or University."

Students in the M.A. Program may concentrate in American, African, African American, African Diaspora, Latin American, or European history. In August 2008 a new program was introduced in Public History. Recent reviews of the M.A. Program has lead to the introduction of seventeen new courses. M.A. students are able to enroll in courses that offer the most current interpretations of the discipline. Carlton Wilson, associate professor is chairman of the Department.

Department of Modern



Foreign Languages

The **Department of Modern Foreign Languages** (MFL) at North Carolina Central University teaches Spanish, French, German and Japanese languages to aspiring students who desire careers in international businesses or United States foreign services careers and law enforcement. The applications of language versatility are endless. The world is made smaller by international communications. The world of nations is an interconnection of international commerce that is conducted through modern foreign languages, and the NCCU MFL department is preparing students to meet the needs of that reality. Students also explore and learn the cultures of these languages. Good day, buenos dias, bon jour, and guten tag are the daily salutations that speakers of English, Spanish, French, and German, respectively, exchange daily in conducting their international business. The Department of Modern Foreign Languages at NCCU offers undergraduate major and minor degrees in Spanish, French, German as well as instruction in Japanese. Students emerge from these programs with the skills to communicate across cultures.



NCCU Nursery

Department



The **Department of Human Sciences** offers competitive programs of study leading to Bachelor of Science degrees in Family and Consumer Sciences, Birth Through Kindergarten Teacher Education (B-K), and Family and Consumer Sciences Education. The Family and Consumer Sciences degrees offers specializations in: Child Development and Family Relations, Foods and Nutrition, and Textiles and Apparel Design. Experiential learning is utilized in each program to include diverse, multi-cultural, and interdisciplinary perspectives of family studies. The graduate curriculum in Family and Consumer Sciences leads to a Master of Science degree in Family and Consumer Sciences. Dr. Debra Parker is the Chairman for the department.



NCCU Moot Court

Chief Justice of the United States John G. Roberts, Jr., presided over a moot court competition at North Carolina Central University's School of Law. He was joined on the bench by former NCCU law professor and Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Allyson Duncan and retired Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court Henry Frye. The Chief Justice presided over the proceeding at the request of NCCU School of Law Dean Raymond C. Pierce.



NCCU Law students Matthew Reeder and Tanya Harris presented arguments with fellow student Mike Stuart serving as brief writer for the side of the government. For the defense, Kahlida Lloyd and Dominique Williams argued the briefs written by Robert Dobson.

School of LAW



North Carolina Central University School of Law's Clinical Program is ranked among the top twenty law schools in the nation. According to the NCCU Law School's website, North Carolina Central University School of Law's overall national ranking stands at thirteenth. A law school education at North Carolina Central University is affordable; and the caliber of education received at NCCU is equal to or exceeds the quality of a law education received at more expensive institutions. The reputation for instructor excellence is a mantle of honor that is enjoyed by North Carolina Central University's students. The benefits of that respect reaches beyond just Eagle Pride; it is increasingly enjoyed by students seeking employment, and it is the best testament to NCCU instructors' dedication to the students, the administration, and the spirit of excellence in Eagle Pride. The Turner School of Law seeks to convey moral and ethical jurisprudence steeped in leadership and emboldened in the law students, and its programs address change toward the future of innovative litigations.

Business



Lasting Impressions crew: Ms. School of Business - Jackie Graham, Mr. School of Business - M. Tyrone Simmons, Mrs. Cindy Love - Professional Development Program Professor, Brittany Scott - Fashion Show Event Coordinator. Models for the event were Alphonso McEntire, Anteea Green, DeAndres Royal, Sophia Slydell, Erin Lightner, and Rasheed Brown.



The School of Business

provides dynamic global management education to a diverse student population. Robert Chapman- Associate Dean, Dr. Sahoo Bijoy- Dean, Dr. Kwesi Aggrey- Provost, Acia Ward- Professor, Dr. Kwesi Aggrey- Provost and the School of Business faculty and staff are in this photo.

NCCU theatre



department

The award-winning **Department of Theatre** at North Carolina Central University is continuing its quest for excellence. The department presents students with opportunities to earn undergraduate degrees in theatre and drama. With these degrees in hand, students are prepared to become professional actors, drama teachers, set designers and technicians, theatre art managers, and to work with mass media productions. The Department of Theatre, headed by Dr. Johnny Alston has instituted a far-reaching program of innovative ideas that combine health issues affecting the community. The theatre faculty and the students of North Carolina Central University perform dramatic plays with themes, plots and dialogues that range from the serious to the humorous in addressing the quality of life for the individual as well as the communities in America. Bravo, bravo! to the Department of Theatre students and faculty for the messages broadcast through these plays. They bring beneficent information and quality performances. The performances at NCCU may save countless lives.



An award winning play about maintaining hope through adversity set to music.

Home by Samm-Art Williams and directed by Karen Dacons-Brock was the first play performed by the Theatre Department in the 2008-09 season. The award-winning play was packed with uplifting spirituals that inspired the audience. In Home, Cephus Miles the main character, played by Alphonse Nicholson, was a happy-go-lucky farm boy who found himself almost overnight plagued by life's unpredictable calamities and misfortune.

The play setting was the late 1950's to 70's in North Carolina and held together by Grover Wilson's memorable arrangements of moving Negro Spirituals. The melodies were sung by the cast portraying our ancestors' will to survive and escape the horrible conditions of slavery. The choreographer was Stafford Berry. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the broad range of enthusiastic students during this performance.



AIR ROTC Force

**Department of Aerospace
Studies – AFROTC Detachment
585.** Left to right are Ms. Leia
Wright, Capt. Richard Fletcher,
Lt. Col. John Wroth, Capt. Rob-
erson Hill, and TSgt. Christopher
Dempsey.



ARMY



Photo contains both NCCU and Duke University **ARMY ROTC** students who were commissioned as Second Lieutenants on May 16, 2009. Ronald L. Bailey, NCCU student, is first on the left. **Congratulations to Ronald!**

FM 90.7

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WNCU, for fourteen years, has operated as a non-commercial public radio station, serving the Triangle metro area (Raleigh, Cary, Durham, Chapel Hill). As WNCU observes years of commercial free broadcasting, the Triangle area celebrates the station's rich programming diversity in music, news and information. The station is a training facility for students and community residents interested in professional broadcasting careers. WNCU is committed to serving in the public's interest, convenience and necessity by providing a diverse cultural music line-up. Additionally, the station provides local news and public affairs programs and fosters relationships with local agencies and organizations throughout Durham and surrounding counties.

NCCU the Early College High School



The Josephine Dobbs Clement

Early College High School opened in August of 2004. It is a partnership among Durham Public Schools, North Carolina Central University, and SECME, Inc. The school is the oldest pre-college alliance in the nation devoted to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics for historically under-represented, geographically underserved and differently-abled students. Funded in part by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Kellogg Foundation, NASA, and the ExxonMobile Foundation, the school focuses on science, technology and math and allows students to acquire up to two years of college credit while earning their high school diplomas.



Habitat for Humanity Eagle Village



Eagle Habitat House

The Eagle Habitat House of North Carolina Central University and Durham Habitat for Humanity are working diligently to transform lives. The entire community of North Carolina is the beneficiary of the collaboration between NCCU and the Durham Area Habitat for Humanity. The aims of the partnership between NCCU and Habitat for Humanity are to provide the means for families to fulfill their dreams of home ownership.

NCCU alumna Michelle Nixon and her daughter Lyshell Harris are the first recipi-

ents of this cooperation. On February 14, 2009, Michelle and her daughter received the largest Valentine's Day gift that swelled their pride with home ownership. NCCU and "Habitat" will continue to work for the citizens of America. This collaboration will carry on the hard work by building the Eagle Habitat House Community, a residential sanctuary of fulfilled dreams for those with hope.



L-R, Tannya Artis, Rebie Coleman, Michelle Nixon and daughter Lyshell, Janice Harper, Ruby Messick and Habitat Representative.

Barack Obama

Our Forty-fourth President

It is most difficult to introduce to this yearbook audience, a man who is known so well. It would be redundant to note that his birthday is August 04, 1961. So that factoid is not an option here.

It would be considered old news to remind these readers that he is of Kenyan heritage through paternal bloodlines, so that aspect of his identity would not form a reason for revering him. That he was born of maternal Caucasian lineage would also be a hackneyed truth. And we all know that Michelle Obama is his wife, and Malia and Sasha are his daughters. So let's not discuss such over-worked facts. Let us join together, celebrating the uniqueness of his achievements as the first African-American President of these United States of America. America has announced to the world that we are a united nation, with united cultures, led by the Honorable Barack Hussein Obama – our "First Black President of the United States of America.

The Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. proclaimed his hopes: "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character ..." (I Have a Dream); and America has realized King's dream. The voters of America and NCCU Eagles who went to the polls have come together to proclaim to the world that Barack Hussein Obama is our nation's leader. We have a long way to go to strengthen America's resolve for social harmony and Barack Obama is able to lead us to a brighter tomorrow.

Today, America's cultural diversity is no longer as intolerant as its yesterdays; but our vision for our tomorrows is not dimmed by the gloom of tears that drowns out our past. Strong Eagles and voters of America have categorically proclaimed to the world that the social fibers that hold America together can never be weaker than the dividing rhetoric which strives to separate one American from another.

Willie Pace



In Remembrance

1915-2009

Dr. John Hope Franklin was a trailblazer in his passionate pursuit for excellence in history and education. Having graced the NCCU campus where he taught history early in his career, Dr. Franklin received numerous awards, including the distinguished recognition from Who's Who in America. Dr. Franklin was chosen by that organization in 1978 to be one of eight Americans who made considerable contributions to the world society. He was elected to the Oklahoma Hall of Fame. As well, he was the recipient of the Cleanth Brooks Medal of the Fellowship of Southern Writers, The Jefferson Medal, the first W. E. B. DuBois Award from the Fisk University Alumni Association, and the NAACP's Spingarn Medal. It would take the greater part of this yearbook and numerous other tomes to encompass what he has meant to the random, ordinary people he encountered and influenced through his long life of service to the world community. Dr. Franklin, no doubt, came from a background of service and humility. Perhaps he once sat upon the bank of some majestic or humbling river, much like the mighty Mississippi that etches a groove through our minds and memories; and upon the shoulders of that same majestic nostalgia, we can envision Dr. Franklin musing upon the possibilities that hard work, vigilance and dedication can wrought. And through a life dedicated to such purpose, Dr. Franklin realized his dream, a dream that pretty much entailed no selfishness, but all genuine altruism. The world was left better than Dr. Franklin found it. We are left saddened by his passing. Where is the next soul that will take up his mantle for the preservation of a hopeful future in peril of dissolution?

Willie Pace



1939-2009


NCCU mourned the passing of **Ernie Barnes** in late April, 2009. He was 70 years old. A Durham native, Barnes was an art student on this campus from 1956 until he was drafted into the Baltimore Colts football organization in 1960. A standout lineman on the NCCU football team, Barnes refined his artistic talent throughout his successful career in the NFL where he also played for the New York Jets, San Diego Chargers, and Denver Broncos. Barnes was inducted into NCCU's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1985.

Before leaving NCCU, he spent hours cultivating his love of painting with NCCU art professor Ed Wilson, former chairman of the department. Barnes has paintings hanging in the NCCU Art Museum and in the Turner Law School.



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